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SLENDER CLUES IN MURDER HUNT.

POLICE HAMPERED BY POOR WITNESSES.

THREATENING LETTERS MAY PROVE USEFUL.

TWO MEN CONCERNED?

For more than 48 hours, detectives and Police officials have, without success, been pursuing diligent investigation into the assassination of Mr. Lee Hsyan, in the corridor of a Wellington Street Club, on Monday, and though repeated rumours of arrests have been put into circulation, there is no official sanction for the reports.

Only the slenderest clues are available, statements by persons in the vicinity at the time being most conflicting, and the Police are expecting to achieve as much or more from the threatening letters received by the victim, in their efforts to trace the originators of the conspiracy.

Statements Taken.

On what has been discovered up to the present, the Police are maintaining a strict silence, but it is known that statements have been taken from practically everyone remotely connected with the crime.

Large numbers of those residing in the vicinity had been required to attend at Police Headquarters, and their statements were still being taken this morning.

All witnesses have been closely interrogated and one interesting fact has been revealed through close examination, a suggestion that a small boy aided and abetted the murder.

Man and Boy?

Some of the witnesses say very definitely that a man and boy were seen to leave in haste the premises which were the scene of the crime, though it is strange that they can be so definite on this point and are unable to give coherent description of the appearance of either.

The Police are convinced that the murder was better planned than a few wild shots and a bolt for liberty, and it is feared that the avenues of escape have been open too long to permit of any rapid development as the result of their enquiries.

Letter Difficulties.

No effort is being spared to trace the origin of the threatening letters, though the extreme difficulties in this connexion are only too obvious.

The reward of \$10,000 offered for information leading to the arrest of the assassin, has not been doubled as was thought probable yesterday.

As a mark of respect to the late Mr. Lee Hsyan, it is understood that both the Lee Theatre and the Lee Garden will be closed to the public for 49 days.

NEW GUINEA RUBBER PLANTERS.

ALARMED AT THE FALL IN PRICES.

Sydney, May 1.

Rubber planters in Papua are alarmed at the fall in prices, and are appealing to the Government for a bounty.

They declare that if the price remains below a shilling they must abandon the industry.

HOME FOOTBALL.

DONCASTER'S BIG WIN OVER TRANSMERE.

London, May 1.

In the Northern Section of the Third Division of the English Football League to-day, Doncaster Rovers, playing at home, defeated Tranmere Rovers by five goals to two, while Rochdale defeated Accrington by 3 goals to 2 at Rochdale.—*Reuter.*

DRASTIC SHANGHAI SUGGESTION.

SELL PUBLICLY-SUBSCRIBED MEMORIAL HOME.

RATEPAYERS UNEASY.

Shanghai, May 2. Shanghai rate-payers are uneasy regarding the possible fate of the Victoria Nursing Home, following a meeting of various committees of the Municipal Council.

The committees concerned are the Health, Finance and Economy Committees, and Mr. S. Fessenden, the American chairman of the Council, presided over the meeting.

After a long discussion, the members decided to recommend to the Council that the entire property should be sold, including the Nursing Home proper, the Maternity Building, the Children's Hospital, the Mental Ward, and the old Chinese and Indian Police Hospital.

The question is being raised whether the Council is empowered to take such a step, if they feel it desirable, without the mandate of the rate-payers, inasmuch as the institution was built as the result of a public subscription for the erection of a permanent memorial to the late Queen Victoria.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ANTARCTIC FLIGHT PREPARATIONS.

"SAMSON" LEAVES BERGEN FOR NEW YORK.

A SAILING VESSEL.

Oslo, May 1.

Commander Byrd's expedition to the South Pole will be conducted from the vessel "Samson," which has been purchased here by Commander Byrd, and has left Bergen for New York.

She is a craft of only 512 tons gross, but she has been specially built for coping with ice-floes and will carry Byrd's aeroplane to the ice-barriers, three thousand miles to the south of New Zealand.

She is equipped with sails and an auxiliary motor. Commander Byrd's personnel for the Antarctic Expedition has been recruited from Norwegians.

The expedition will set out in September, and will comprise 50 or 60 men and about 100 dogs. The final flight will be 2,000 miles over an ice-field believed never to have been previously traversed.

Commander Byrd expects to return to the United States in June, 1929, but he may be compelled to remain in the Antarctic zone until June, 1930.—*Reuter.*

U.S. CONGRESSMAN KILLED.

FLYING CRASH NEAR NEW YORK.

New York, May 1.

Mr. Thaddeus C. Sweet, a member of the House of Representatives for nineteen years, was killed instantly in a forced landing here to-day on returning from Washington by air.

The pilot was injured but not seriously. Mr. Sweet is the first Congressman who has been killed in a flying accident.—Fifty-five years of age he was president of the Sweet Bros. Paper Manufacturing Company, and of the Oswego County Trust Company.

He was the principal leader in the successful movement to deny American Socialists seats in the New York legislature.—*Reuter's American Service.*

REGULAR AIR ROUTE TO EUROPE.

VIA GREENLAND AND IRELAND.

Washington, May 1.

Colonel Lindbergh is considering the possibilities of the establishment of an air route to Europe, planning to embrace Greenland and Iceland.

It is understood that he has been discussing the question with Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State, and other officials.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MAY DAY RIOTS AT WARSAW.

FIFTY CASUALTIES IN SERIOUS AFFRAY.

QUIET DEMONSTRATIONS IN LONDON AND PARIS.

WOMEN IN SCARLET.

London, May 1.

The May Day celebrations in London were more effectively organised, than for some time past, large processions being held. The celebrations passed off quite quietly.

An entirely new note was struck by the novel attire of a large number of women and girls who joined in—smart khaki uniforms and scarlet berets.

There was a sprinkling of men in khaki with red ties.

French Precautions.

Paris, May 1.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the Police to prevent disturbances during the May Day celebrations, but hitherto the care taken has been rendered unnecessary by the orderly behaviour of the demonstrators.

All the banks, most of the shops and many factories continued open as usual, and in this connexion a few obstructionists were arrested.

Riots in Warsaw.

Warsaw, May 1.

Conflicts between Socialists and Communists arose out of the May Day demonstrations, resulting in serious bloodshed in different parts of the city.

Two most serious affrays occurred in the City Hall Square. Mass meetings were being held by the rival parties, revolver shots were fired and a free fight ensued.

Fifty Casualties.

In the course of the rioting, over fifty casualties occurred, two men being killed.

Elsewhere in Poland, the celebrations passed off quietly, though at Lemberg, the Police last night took the precautionary measure of arresting seventy Communists and detaining them.

Moscow Celebrates.

Moscow, May 1.

Millions attended a remarkable May Day demonstration following a spectacular military parade in the presence of prominent members of the Government and the Diplomatic Corps.

Tokyo, May 1.

Thanks to most of the extremists having been rounded up during the past few weeks May Day passed off quietly, though 36 people were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Japanese Women Join In.

A mass meeting of labourers was held in the morning after which 20,000 people, including a large number of women, marched in orderly array through the city, carrying banners and singing harmless labour songs. They were accompanied by 3,000 police as a precautionary measure.—*Reuter.*

Osaka, May 1.

May Day passed off quietly. Fifteen thousand people marched in procession guarded by 1,000 police.—*Reuter.*

WAYWARD PRINCE IN ENGLAND.

PRINCE CAROL DESIRES QUIET AND REST.

London, May 1.

The ex-Crown Prince Carol of Rumania, who disappeared under mysterious circumstances from his residence in Paris, has now been traced to a mansion in Surrey, where he is staying with his companion, Madame Lupescu.

The arrival of the ex-Crown Prince in England was not known even to the Rumanian Legation. The owner of the mansion ascribes the visit of Prince Carol to his desire for quiet and rest, and adds that the duration of the stay depends on the immediate developments in the political situation in Rumania.—*Reuter.*

JOBS FOR SHANGHAI DEFENDERS.

LABOUR COMPLAINTS IN THE COMMONS.

MORE SHOULD BE DONE

London, May 1. In the House of Commons, Mr. W. Wellock (Labour) asked the War Secretary, whether the War Office proposed to take special measures to find employment for the 1,342 "A" Reservists, who had returned from China, and who, recently, were still unemployed.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans replied that the names of the Reservists desiring to be registered for employment had been placed on the books of organisations engaged in obtaining work for ex-soldiers.

These organisations were making special efforts on the Reservists' behalf. The local military authorities and the Ministry of Labour has also been asked to assist.

Reports showed that a considerable number of the men had obtained work.

Mr. Wellock declared that hundreds of them had work when they were called up for China, but were now without employment. He urged that something more should be done, because only a small number had found work.

The War Secretary replied that a great many of them were workless when called up on Reserve. He was led to think that a great many had been placed in suitable employment.

"We are all doing our utmost to get these deserving men the work they deserve."

Incomplete reports showed that over 150 of the "A" Reservists had found work.—*Reuter.*

U.S. PLANE-CARRIER REFUSED.

ACHIEVES ONLY TWO-THIRDS CONTRACT SPEED.

San Francisco, May 1.

Considerable curiosity has been aroused at the announcement that the latest United States aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Lexington, which was tested last week, has not been accepted by the Navy. Captain Karna refused to make any comment beyond remarking: "We have postponed her trials." No reason was given.

The Lexington, a sister ship to the Saratoga, displaces 33,000 tons and is designed to carry 72 planes. Her total cost is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Captain Karna later announced to Pressmen that the U.S.S. Lexington made only 22 knots on her trial run, but he expressed the opinion that the vessel would reach the required speed of 33 knots.—*Reuter's American Service.*

INDIAN STEEL WORKS STRIKE.

TROOPS AND ARMED POLICE GUARDING AREA.

Jamshedpur, May 1.

A more serious situation appears to be developing in connexion with the strike at the Tata Steel Works. The management has decided to close down the rolling mills.

Troops and armed police are keeping guard over the area, but up to the present the strikers have been peaceful.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE POLITICAL CRISIS.

HOME MINISTER TO TENDER RESIGNATION.

Tokyo, May 2.

Late last evening, after a long session, the Cabinet decided upon a re-organisation, and it is understood that the Home Minister and a number of minor officials are tendering their resignations.—*Reuter.*

U.S. FERRY DISASTER.

New York, May 1.

Eight were drowned in the capsizing of a ferry boat at Union Town, Pennsylvania.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COTTAGERS' PLEA SUCCEEDS.

BUDGET KEROSENE TAX DROPPED.

DEMANDS TO REDUCE PETROL TAX REFUSED.

DISCUSSION ON TEA.

London, May 1.

A long discussion on tea ensued in the House of Commons to-day, following a Labour resolution that the duty on tea be reduced from 4d. to 1d. per lb. The motion occurred in the report stage of the Budget, and was rejected by 290 votes to 144.

Mr. G. Plicher (Conservative) dwelt at some length on the increasing use of Java tea, the consumption of which had risen to 61,000,000 lbs. in 1927, as compared with 18,000,000 lbs. in 1919.

He drew attention to the fact that during the same period the consumption of India tea had fallen to 233,000,000 lbs. as compared with 253,000,000.

Apparently, an increasing proportion of Java tea was being used for blending with the Indian tea.

Empire Tea.

Mr. A. M. Samuel, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, promised to consider the point made by Mr. Plicher, but in the meantime, said it was noteworthy that last year's clearances amounted to 402,000,000 lbs. of which 880,000 lbs. was grown in the Empire. This compared with an average of 201,000,000 lbs. of Empire tea before the war.

The tea duty was confirmed.

No Tax on Kerosene.

In the course of the debate on the Budget, Mr. Winston Churchill announced that kerosene and paraffin would be omitted from the scope of the new duties, which would by this concession, be limited to products of petroleum.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated that the withdrawal of the duty on kerosene would cost at least £3,000,000.

He declared that there was a good reason for the decision to tax kerosene as it helped the coal and shale industries.

Realises Great Burden.

He was always aware that kerosene was much used by rural cottagers, and he granted the sugar relief as a counter-balance. He, however, agreed that in the country districts the kerosene tax was a greater burden than he had previously believed.

A number of amendments were made in the House in attempt to obtain a reduction of the petrol tax, but they were all defeated.

The House approved the exemption from the tax of kerosene and paraffin, and approved the duties announced in the Budget.

The Oil Companies are restoring the old price of kerosene and paraffin immediately.

FRENCH SPORTSMAN'S DEATH.

DONOR OF THE FAMOUS SCHNEIDER TROPHY

Nice, May 1.

The death has occurred of M. Jacques Schneider, the donor of the famous Schneider Cup.

The Schneider Maritime Aviation Cup was presented in 1912 to the Aero Club of France by the deceased gentleman, who in his younger days was a well-known sportsman and aviator. It was presented with a view to developing high speed aeroplanes and is a magnificent trophy of gold, silver and bronze, valued at over £1,000.

It has been won three times by Great Britain, three times by Italy, twice by America, and once by France, Britain being the present holders.—*Reuter.*

TENSION EASED IN EGYPT.

STRONG SPEECH BY LORD BIRKENHEAD.

BILL MUST BE DROPPED

London, May 1.

Lord Birkenhead, in the course of a speech at a dinner given by the Ladies' Imperial Club, explained the implications of the Public Assemblies Bill, which the Egyptian Government had proposed to make law.

He added that no object could be served by merely postponing discussion of the measure for never can a country with Imperial responsibilities and with obligations to other European nations and with a vital necessity for maintaining its own Imperial communications, agree to legislation of the kind.

"Never, in my opinion," continued Lord Birkenhead, "will Britain under any Government agree to legislation like this."

The Reply to the British Note, couched on the lines of the cable which will be found on another page, has been delivered at the Residency.

It states that the postponement of the Bill is the only possible constitutional procedure.—*Reuter.*

ALSACE DEPUTIES ON TRIAL.

ASSIZE COURT PACKED FOR HEARING.

ALLEGED PLOTTING.

Colmar, May 1.

The eagerly-awaited trial of Dr. Ricklin and M. Brogly, the Alsatian Autonomists who were successful in the French elections, has opened at the Assize Court here.

The Court was packed with members of the public and 350 witnesses, including many priests.

The trial is being conducted in two languages, as the accused have insisted on having the proceedings translated from French into German, on the ground that they are insufficiently acquainted with French.—*Reuter.*

Dr. Ricklin, a former member of the German Reichstag, was, with M. Brogly, in prison at Colmar awaiting trial when they were elected to the French Chamber this week-end. The charge against them is of plotting against the internal safety of France by fomenting a movement in favour of a complete rupture of Alsace-Lorraine with France. The accused deny that their aim was separation and declare that they were campaigning solely against French centralisation and the introduction into Alsace of French legislation contrary to local tradition.

CAR SMASH ON WET ROAD.

MAN INJURED AND STANDARD BROKEN.

A serious motor accident took place last night shortly after 9.30 p.m. in Queen's Road West, as a result of which a Chinese was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his face and legs, and a gas lamp standard was knocked down.

In a report to the police, Tang Chiu-on, the licensed driver of car No. 391, stated that owing to the slippery state of the road, caused by the rain last night, his car skidded and after striking the Chinese, went straight ahead and knocked down the lamp standard. The driver said the accident would not have happened but for the wet surface of the road.

ATLANTIC FLIERS' TOUR.

"BREMEN" CREW TO FLY AROUND AMERICA.

New York, May 1.

As the result of numerous requests from all over the country, the "Bremen" Transatlantic fliers have decided to make an air tour of America, stopping at the principal cities.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SOUTHERN THRUST CONTINUES.

ADVANCING EAST OF TSINAN.

NORTHERNERS TO RESIST AT TSINGTAO.

TAIAN CAPTURED?

Tsingtao, May 1.

The Japanese troops in Tsinanfu are successfully co-operating with the Southerners in the maintenance of peace and order.

In the meantime, the Southerners have occupied Poshan, which is 50 miles east of Tsinanfu on the branch line of the Shantung Railway.

Many Northerners are entering Tsingtao, where they are proposing to put up a resistance. Japanese naval and military forces are guarding the electric power-house, the waterworks and other public utilities.

Main Body Delayed.

Tsingtao, May 2. The Japanese main forces, under General Fukuda, whose trains are temporarily detained at Changtun, has reached Putsch, 50 miles from Tsinanfu, from which, if the trains are unable to proceed further, the troops will probably march to Tsinanfu.—*Reuter.*

North Wants More Men.

Peking, May 1. General Wu Chun-sheng, who recently arrived with the object of superintending the defence system at Tschow, has returned to Manchuria, presumably in order to raise more men and money.

General Ho Seng-lin, the War Minister, has been appointed to command the rearguard at Tschow, instead of General Wu Chun-sheng.—*Reuter.*

The Fall of Tsinan.

Shanghai, May 1. All reports confirm the capture of Tsinanfu by the 1st and 2nd Army Corps of the Nationalist Army together with the Kuomintang forces under Marshal Feng Yu-shiang. The Nationalists entered the city this morning at about 10 o'clock. It appears that the city was captured without much fighting, the Northerners having previously decided to abandon it.

All Chinese reports state that, despite the general retreat of the large force of Shantung troops from the city, there has been no looting or any molestation of foreigners reported. It is also stated that all foreign residents are safe.

Taian Also?

The city of Taian, which is south-east of Tsinanfu, is also said to have been taken by the Nationalists under General Ho Yiu-cho.

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**C. P. O. KELSEY
DISCHARGED.
MANSLAUGHTER CASE ENDS.**

Without calling upon the prisoner to give evidence the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, specifically instructed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" against Petty Officer W. G. Kelsey, of H.M.S. Ambrose, on the charge of manslaughter, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Without retiring the jury returned the required verdict and P/O Kelsey was discharged.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that there was literally no evidence that could be referred to the jury that the prisoner's act was the direct and immediate cause of Tam Tak-yuen's death, and even if there was, there was no evidence to show any negligence on the part of the prisoner. Thirdly, Counsel submitted, there was no evidence of dangerous driving.

Evidence for Jury.

His Lordship, putting the case as he saw it at the moment, said the man's death was caused by the prisoner's action. That being so the onus was shifted on to the prisoner to prove that there was no negligence. Counsel could use the evidence which had been produced for the Crown for that purpose.

Mr. Sheldon went on to refer to various sections covering the charge of manslaughter, including that under which the prisoner was charged, in the course of which he dealt with unintentionally killing and causing death by culpable and gross neglect. Counsel remarked that the law did not require the utmost precaution, but reasonable precaution. The negligence, he said, must have been the direct and immediate cause of a man's death. If the particular negligence was not proximate and sufficient cause of the death they could not convict. There was no evidence at all, commented Counsel, that the negligence depicted to the prisoner was sufficient to cause Tam's death.

His Lordship said he was against Mr. Sheldon on the submission that there was literally no evidence that the prisoner's act was the direct and immediate cause of Tam's death and continued that if the death was proved to have been caused by the prisoner there was evidence to go to the jury and the only thing that remained for Counsel to do was to show that the death was due to an accident and not to negligence. There was evidence, in the case for the Crown, that death was caused by an accident, though, according to the Crown case, death was caused by the prisoner. His Lordship held that there was evidence that the prisoner's act was the proximate cause of the man's death.

No Dangerous Driving.

Mr. Sheldon then spoke with regard to the evidence relating to dangerous driving. When it was considered, he said, there was no evidence at all that the prisoner drove the car dangerously. The licensed driver had told Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander, on the morning of the accident when the incidents were fresh in his mind, that the car was travelling at 20 miles an hour. That was the only reliable evidence with regard to speed, Counsel submitted, unless they attached weight to the evidence of Sub-Inspector A. H. Mason, who had estimated the speed at 25 miles an hour. Mr. Sheldon said they could not attach much weight to that evidence so they were left only with the statement of the driver. He did not think that anyone would suggest that 20 miles an hour at three o'clock in the morning was dangerous driving.

His Lordship remarked that there was the statement of the driver that he estimated the speed at 40 miles an hour.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that his Lordship could not take that into consideration.

His Lordship, in asking Mr. Fitzroy what he had to say in reply to Mr. Sheldon's contention, said Counsel for the Crown could assume, in his favour, that the man's death was caused by the prisoner.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that the speed of the car was not relied upon by the Crown and it never could be relied upon in such a case. The question was, did the prisoner drive with a disregard for the life and safety of people, and that was what the Crown case was based on. A motor driver, he continued, owed a duty to everyone else on the road. The evidence showed that the prisoner did not take sufficient care, with the result that Tam Tak-yuen was dead.

No Evidence.

His Lordship: Well, what is the evidence? I cannot see any evidence of recklessness in failing to take sufficient care, and the onus is on you to show that. Doesn't it rather go to show that the car was being driven at four o'clock in the morning at 20 miles an hour? The street was certainly not unduly full of people, although there is always danger of people walking across the Praya. The speed is a very material thing. What is the evidence?

Counsel for the Crown replied they had heard the evidence of the foki of the licensed driver who said they were going so fast that he put his head down. Except for that they had no evidence of excessive speed.

His Lordship: It seems to me your evidence goes to show that there was no negligence at all and that the most that can be said is that, if he (the prisoner) had done something otherwise he might have avoided the accident, by steering a slightly different course.

Mr. Fitzroy replied the only evidence the Crown had to show that the prisoner showed wanton disregard for the safety of other people, was that the car skidded for 78 feet. If his Lordship did not think that that evidence amounted to anything then he (Counsel) had nothing more to say.

His Lordship shook his head at this and intimated that he did not attach weight to that evidence.

"Not Guilty."

The prisoner was not called upon to give evidence and, in addressing the jury, his Lordship reminded them that the only witness who could be said to have given direct evidence was the licensed driver. His Lordship added that he thought he could assume that the jury would not pay very much attention to his evidence. After referring to discrepancies in the driver's evidence his Lordship commented that it was "not worth much." He continued that he did not see how he could leave the case to the jury and say there was any evidence at all from which they could come to the conclusion that the prisoner was guilty of wanton disregard for the lives and safety of others. He directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty."

Without retiring the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

His Lordship then commented that that was all they could have done. It was very regrettable that Tam Tak-yuen should have met his death on that occasion, but they were dealing with the criminal law and, before a person could be punished any offence had to be proved beyond all reasonable doubt. "I think the only verdict is the one that you have returned upon my instructions."

Prisoner's Regret.

Mr. Sheldon said the prisoner had specifically instructed him to express to the Court and jury his real and very earnest concern for the unfortunate man.

The prisoner was discharged.

**STUDENT HYSTERIA.
BOYCOTT URGED AGAINST
JAPAN.**

Demanding a severance of economic relations with Japan, the National Chinese Students' Union are loudest among Shanghai organizations in protesting against the decision of the Japanese Government to despatch a division of troops to Shantung to protect Japanese lives and property as the tide of warfare sweeps northwards to Peking. Deeper tone to the volume of protest was furnished by a special meeting of organizations, headed by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, held on Monday of last week.

The despatch of troops to Shantung has aroused the greatest indignation in Chinese circles in Shanghai, judging from the flood of telegrams, declarations and circulars denouncing the action of Premier Baron Tanaka.

Leading local commercial organizations, including the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, the Amalgamated Association of Street Vendors, Labour Unions and other organs jointly held a meeting at the General Chamber of Commerce building to discuss and formulate measures against Japan as a protest against the despatch of troops to Shantung by the Imperial Japanese Government.

Officials Take Part.

While the meeting was in progress, Mr. Miao Bin, Quarter-Master-General of the Headquarters of the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, General Chien Tachun, Commander of the Shanghai and Woosung Gendarmerie, and Mayor Chang Ting-fan of the Special Municipality of Shanghai and Woosung, arrived together and were introduced to the meeting.

In the course of their speeches, Mr. Miao, General Chien and Mayor Chang all counselled moderation by the people in regard

**UNIVERSITY RIOT.
FIFTY STUDENTS EXPELLED
IN HAVANA.**

Havana, May 1.
The Council of the University of Havana has expelled over 50 students who participated in the recent riots, which resulted in the closing of the university and the placing of troops on the campus.—*Reuter's American Service.*

to the Imperial Japanese Government's action, pointing out that the Central Party and Government authorities are already taking the necessary steps to deal with the situation.

Five Resolutions Passed.

The following five resolutions were finally adopted at the meeting:

1. That in order to maintain the friendly relations between China and Japan, a declaration be issued to the Japanese people, counselling them to rectify the mistake of Premier Tanaka.
2. That in view of the fact that the presence of Japanese troops in Shantung is an obstacle to the progress of the northern punitive expedition, all public organizations and other civic bodies should unite together to strengthen the roar and to maintain peace and order so as to hasten the advance at the war fronts.
3. That special precautions be taken against the Communists, who are taking advantage of the situation to foment trouble and to impair success of the northern punitive expedition.
4. That for the purpose of bringing the revolution to a successful conclusion, all unprofitable movements, such as strikes in schools and factories, detrimental to the peace and order in the rear, be avoided.
5. That the Nationalist Government be requested to assume full responsibility for the protection of foreign lives and property, thereby removing the excuse for the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung.

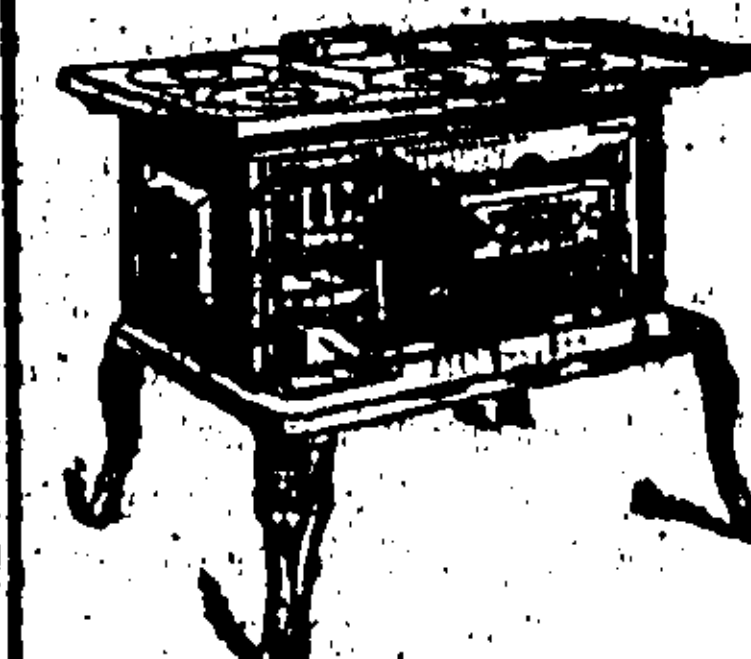


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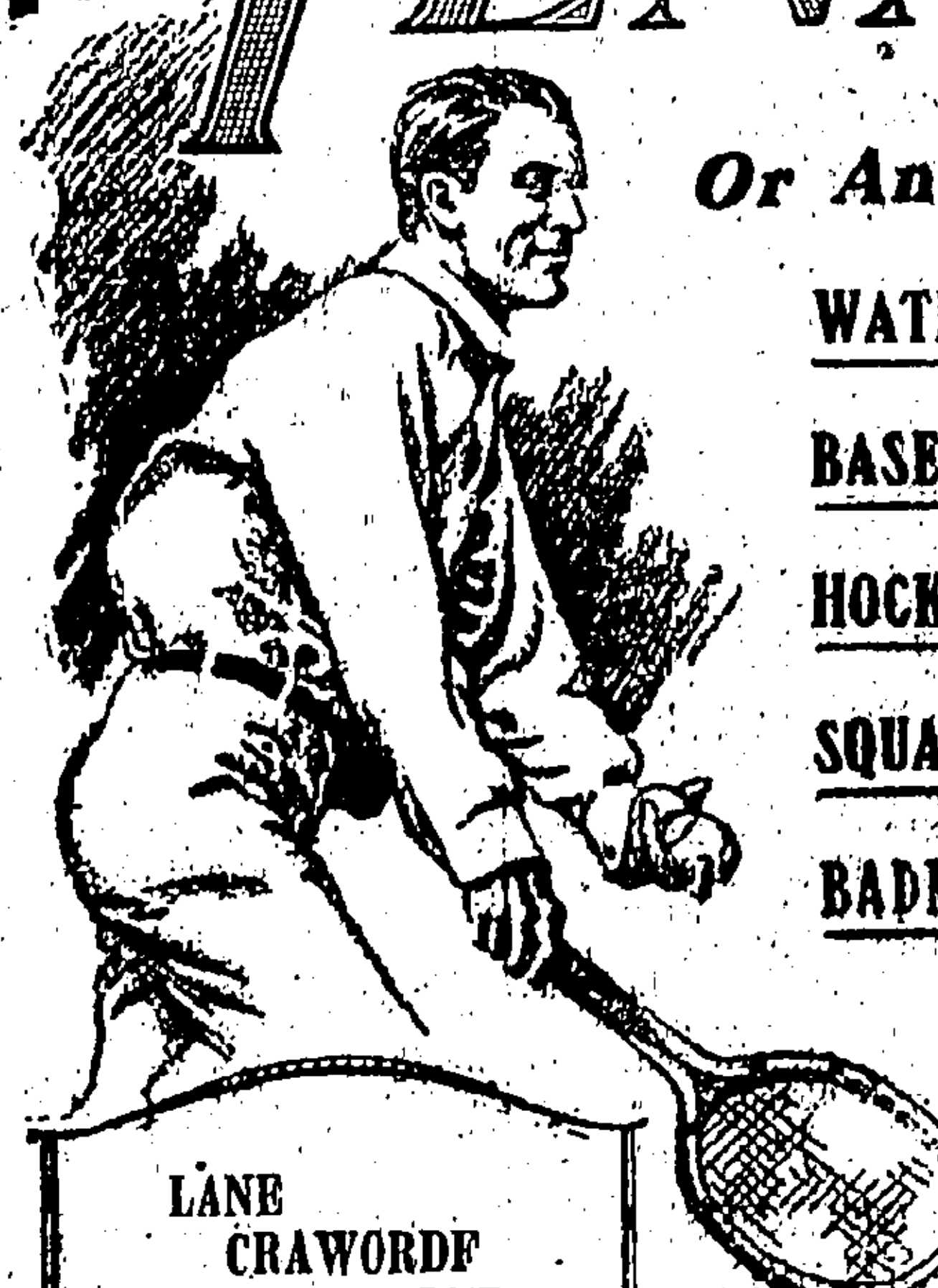
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Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Angeson in one of the numbers given at the Danish soiree, which was held at the French Municipal College, Shanghai a few days ago.



For the courage he showed in his flight from New York to Paris, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was granted the highest honour U. S. can bestow—the Congressional Medal of Honour. He is shown at the White House, receiving the award from President Coolidge.



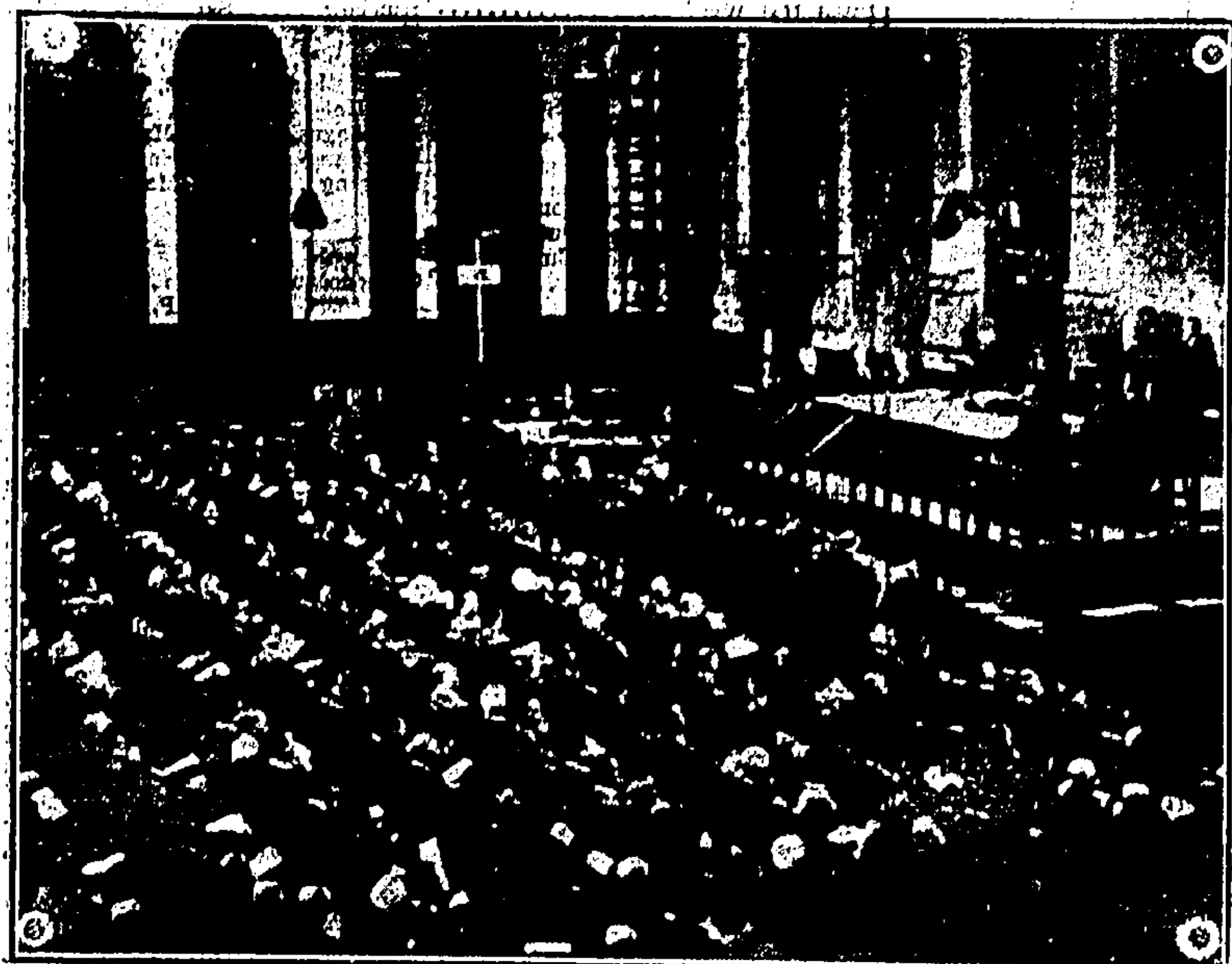
Admiral Takeshita, in command of the Japanese naval forces in Shanghai, accompanied by members of his staff, carried out an inspection last week in Hongkew Park, of Japanese Boy Scouts. A parade of Japanese marines and sailors followed.



This picture shows the group about Col. Lindbergh on the White House lawn just after the Congressional Medal of Honour for bravery had been awarded.



Bubbling Well Road Shanghai was lined with interested spectators when the S. V. C. marched from the Race Course to St. George's and back. The photographer has caught a group close to the junction of Bubbling Well and Hardoon Roads where the salute was taken by Col. Orpen Palmer, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commandant of the S. V. C.



This picture, taken during a speech by Mr. Fessenden, gives an idea of the large attendance at the annual meeting of rate payers in the Shanghai Town Hall recently.



Mr. K. N. Sung and his bride, Miss S. J. Chen, whose wedding took place recently at the Y. P. S. Hotel, Shanghai. Mr. Sung is well known in Chinese sporting circles.

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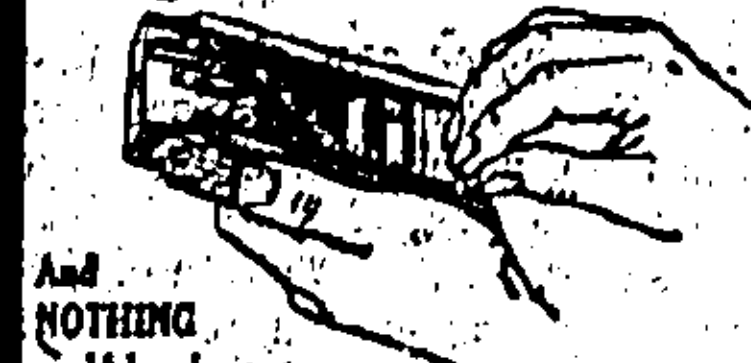
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G.  R.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of May, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Lai Chi Kok in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Area	Approx. Value
1	As per sale plan.	6,800 sq. feet	\$1,800

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1	As per sale plan.	1,800 sq. feet	\$450

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 5th May, 1928 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 4th May, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.



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G. R. NOTICE. COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

It is notified for general information that as from 30th April, 1928, and until the structural alterations to the present offices are completed the Colonial Secretary will occupy the 3rd floor of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, French Building, Queen's Road, E. R. HALLIFAX, Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, 27th April, 1928.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Thursday, the 17th May, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents, Hongkong, 26th April, 1928.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LTD.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

NOTICE.

The Undersigned resumes charge of the above-named Companies as from this date.

By Order of the Board.

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th May to 25th May. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th May to 25th May. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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PAUL LAUDER, General Manager, Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

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DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday, 13th May, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained from the I.R.R.C. Macao, Causeway Bay Stables and Rorox Advertising Co., Exchange Building.

Entries close at Macao, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 3rd May.

NOTICE.

We have authorised Mr. Terence Christopher Thomas Beck to sign per procuration for our Firm in Hongkong.

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Mr. J. T. Brownlie's re-election as President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union is now assured. The votes for the home branches give him a clear majority over the other four candidates. He has received 26,076 votes, which is 5,229 more than the other four candidates. The votes from the branches abroad have yet to be received, but these can make little appreciable difference.

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6083	Doll Dance	
	What Do I Care	
6111	Russian Lullaby	(Waltz)
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the places, and at the rates, given below.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1928.

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to \$1.65 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from \$1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 25th, 1928.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

The service from GOW Royal Observatory W/T Station is temporarily suspended owing to a breakdown of machinery. Meteorological traffic with ships will be worked by VPS Cape D'Agular W/T Station on 600 metres. The 300 metres telephony service is suspended until repairs are effected.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

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Shanghai	Liangchow	May 3
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hai	Pres. Monroe	May 5
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London 5th April	Tanda	May 5
Australia and Manila	Empress of Russia	May 7
Manila		
Europe via Negapatam, papers only	Takliwa	May 7
London 5th April	Empress of Asia	May 14
Canada U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Hanoi	Wed., May 2, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Deli Maru Thuru	May 3, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Halvard	Thurs., May 3, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Linan	Thurs., May 3, 2.30 p.m.
Halphong	Campanas	Fri., May 4, 8.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	Monado Maru Fri.	May 4, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Arufura	Fri., May 4, noon.
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 19th May.)	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sun Ning	Fri., May 4, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Sat., May 5, noon.
	Letters	1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Fushimi Maru

Sat., May 5, K. P. O. Registration May 4, 4.30 p.m. Letters May 5, 9 a.m. G. P. O. Registration May 5, 8.45 a.m. Letters May 5, 9.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 3rd June.)

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LABOUR LEADER PAYS PENALTY.

RECENT EXECUTION IN CHANGSHA.

A Central China Post correspondent says the recent execution of Kuo Liang, a prominent Labour leader, was an event which caused an immense sensation in Changsha. Tens of thousands went past to see his head in a small wooden cage.

Last year Kuo Liang was one of the most powerful men in Changsha; he always had a body-guard of a hundred men. He seems to have been the foremost leader in the province at that time and under his regime a lot of people lost their lives. Hence there was something extremely sensational in the populace looking up at the head of the man who had so few months before been all powerful.

Other executions have taken place of course and the impressive thing about them is the courage with which these people go to the execution shouting their slogans, but though folk wonder at their bravery yet there is little sympathy for their cause. The details of the Leiyang affair have done for Hunan what Canton in December did for China as a whole.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Marriage and Boredom.

[By a Young Husband.]

It is the little things that make or mar the harmony of married life—the trifling discords that considered separately are negligible, and taken in the lump are of enormous importance.

Nowadays it is expected by young idealists of both sexes that husband and wife shall share each other's interests. I myself held this view, which I now believe to be unwarrantable. The topics that bored a woman before marriage are disconcertingly apt to bore her as a wife; nor does a husband lay aside with marriage his capacity for ennui.

There are subjects, arising from work, the day's doings, the larger field of the world's affairs, in which I know that nine out of ten of my men friends will be interested, but in which, when I pause to reflect, I realise that nine out of ten women are not at all interested. Why should I assume that my wife is the exception? Nothing is more stimulating than argument in which a masculine point of view contends with a feminine; but when I ask from my wife the same mental response to my immediate concerns that I find in myself, I bore her. It is inevitable.

Here is a Wide Field for Tedium.

I am romantic, she a realist. She cares for detail, I for generalisation. I miss thousands of things that she sees and enjoys, and about other things I am enthusiastic where she is critical and judicious. Here is a wide field for tedium; so long as the fiction is maintained that husbands and wife can ever view any but a small proportion of subjects from the same angle, so long will one bore the other. And since women are commonly wiser in this respect than men, it is husbands who more often bore wives than wives bore husbands.

For abiding ennui there is probably no remedy other than separation. But a frank acknowledgment that what is of absorbing interest to a husband is quite conceivably utterly tedious to a wife would go a long way to minimise occasions of boredom.

Sentimentality.

Sentimentality is largely, and should be entirely, a female monopoly. A husband who has been married for several years ceases to see in his wife the sweetheart

Some New Lines.



Beige stockinette, into which are woven fancy spots in metal threads, is used for this effective little frock. The raised waistline is suggested by means of the pointed yoke.

Silent People are Dull.

[By the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stewart.]

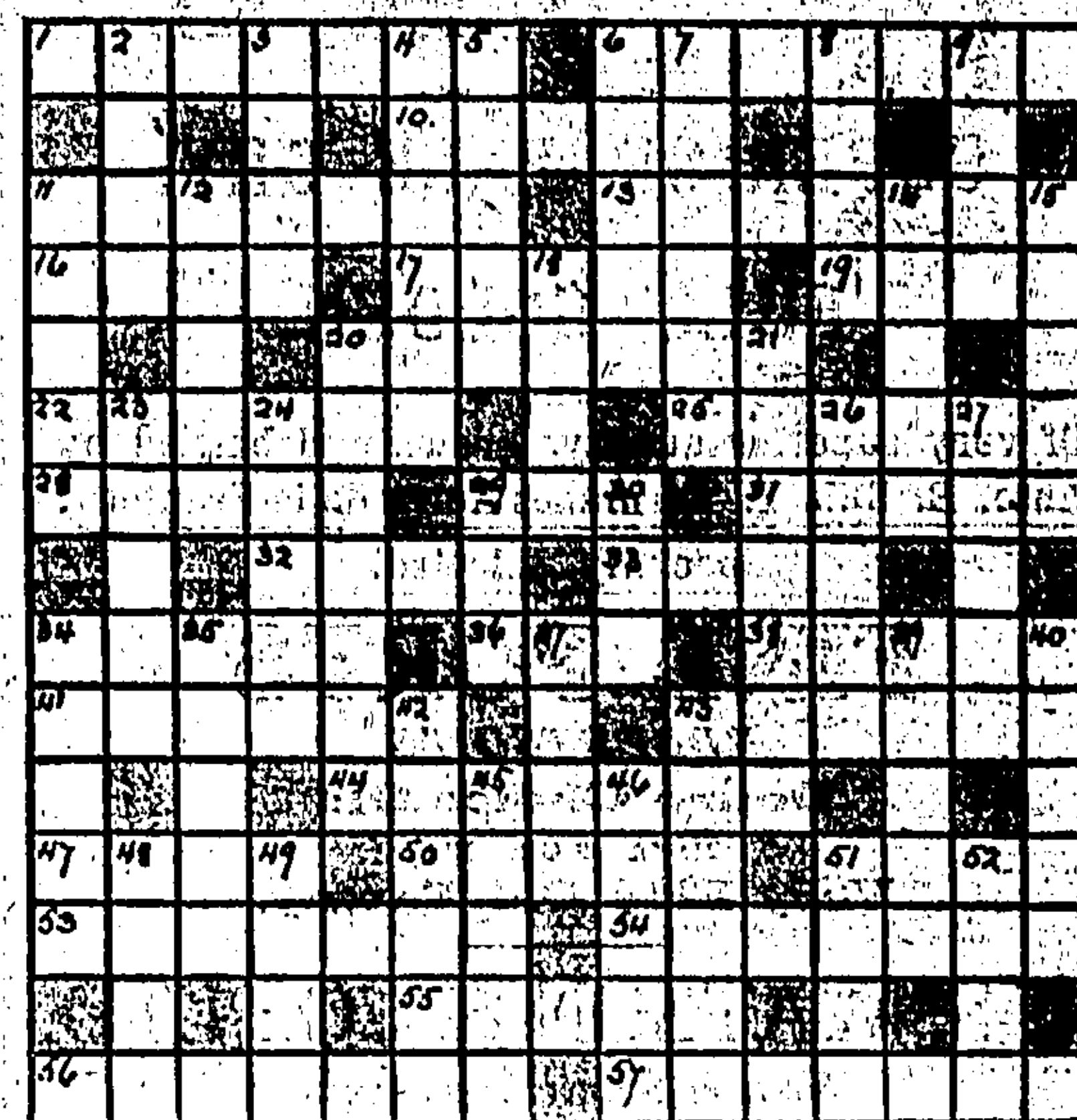
The early Evangelicals regarded silence as a counsel of perfection; and not so very long ago children were directed to talk little, and this not only with the useful idea of giving their elders time to speak, but also to impress on their young minds the intrinsic value of silence. Ruskin said: "The world only goes on because of the silent virtue in it;" and "Silence is the indication of a great mind" was written by Addison about 1700.

The world of to-day does not agree. Reserved people are usually wet blankets. Those of whom it is said that they have a great deal in them which they do not care to give out are for the most part unsocial and quite without charm. And most of them have nothing to give out in any case. Silent folk maintain a perpetual attitude of defence. They risk nothing and avoid many hard knocks which are met by the mentally active and venturesome. In a word, silence is a sign of selfishness.

The social life of to-day depends on the good will which men and women throw into the interchange of ideas; and there can be no doubt that the habit of talk has a most civilising effect on all classes. Oddly enough, it is talk, and not silence, which has put a curb on self-indulgence. The pleasure in doing out is no longer chiefly derived from the food and wine consumed. Gluttony and drink have been killed by conversation.

Montaigne, who in the dim past knew the Court life of Paris, was much in favour of talk. He wrote: "The most natural and fruitful exercise of the mind is conversation;" and he added: "I find the use of it more sweet than any other action in life." No doubt the old veneration for silence arose chiefly from the Bible warning that "of every idle word a man shall speak he must give account." But he must also give account—as some witty woman replied when the text was quoted to her—of every idle silence.

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- 6 Female lion.
- 10 Vegetable.
- 11 Portion.
- 13 Evades.
- 16 Ball of thread.
- 17 Ventured.
- 19 Loose robe.
- 20 Assumed names.
- 22 Harness fitted to a horse's head.
- 25 Inferior rank (Law).
- 28 Extremities.
- 29 Foot-like organ.
- 31 Show contempt.
- 32 Ornamental staff.
- 33 Trust.
- 34 One blindly attached to an opinion.
- 36 Mimic.
- 38 Angry.
- 41 Belonging to Odin.
- 43 Painter.
- 44 One skilled in art.
- 47 Pore.
- 50 A number.
- 51 As well as.
- 53 Talked idly.
- 54 Small stream.
- 55 Separate.
- 56 Ascended.
- 57 Dethroned.

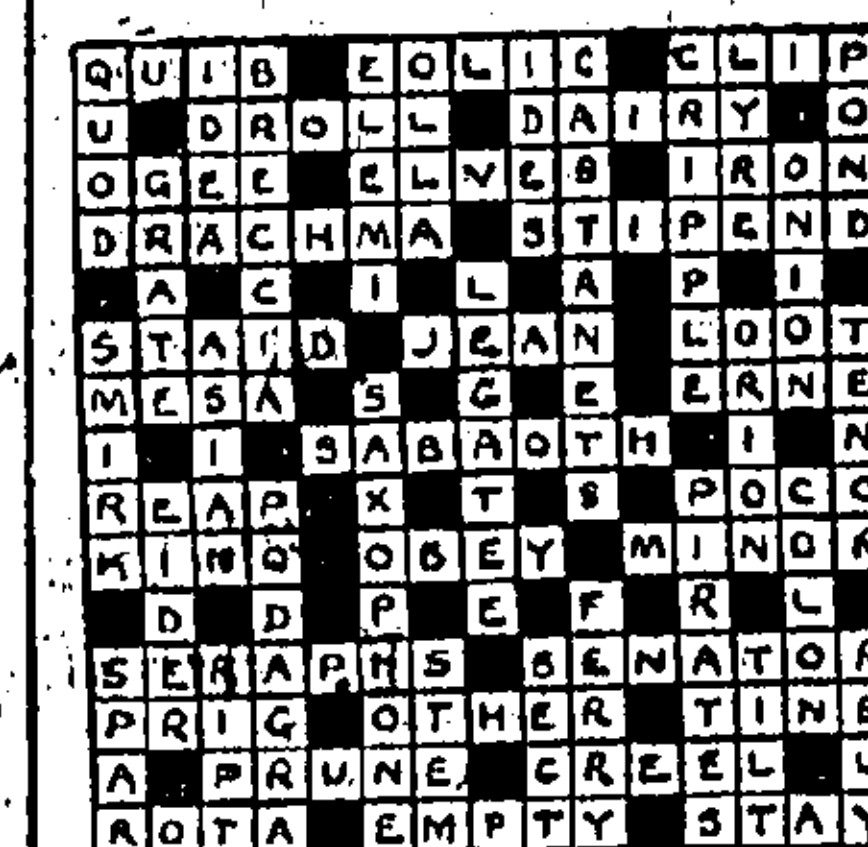
Down.

- 2 Hoodwink (Falconry).
- 3 More effort of memory.
- 4 Simpleton (collog).
- 5 Lisslessness.
- 6 Alluvial deposit in the Rhine valley.
- 7 Part of the foot.
- 8 Tidy.
- 9 Part of ship's keel.
- 11 Saw-dust.
- 12 God of love.
- 14 Balance.

15 More secure.

- 18 Destroy.
- 20 French province.
- 21 Sigh (shak).
- 23 Still.
- 24 Evil spirit.
- 25 Still.
- 27 Etc.
- 29 Article of food.
- 30 Denotes the female sex.
- 34 Brag.
- 35 Leg of mutton.
- 37 Stuck-up person.
- 39 Passage in a church.
- 40 Individuality.
- 42 Malny dagger.
- 43 Dress.
- 45 Surmounted.
- 46 Fragment.
- 48 Limitation (Law).
- 49 Molecule.
- 51 Contralto (Mus.).
- 52 Inflammatory tumour.

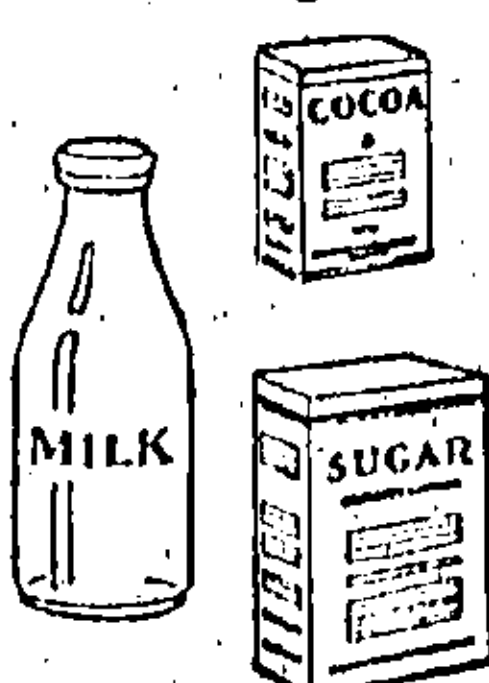
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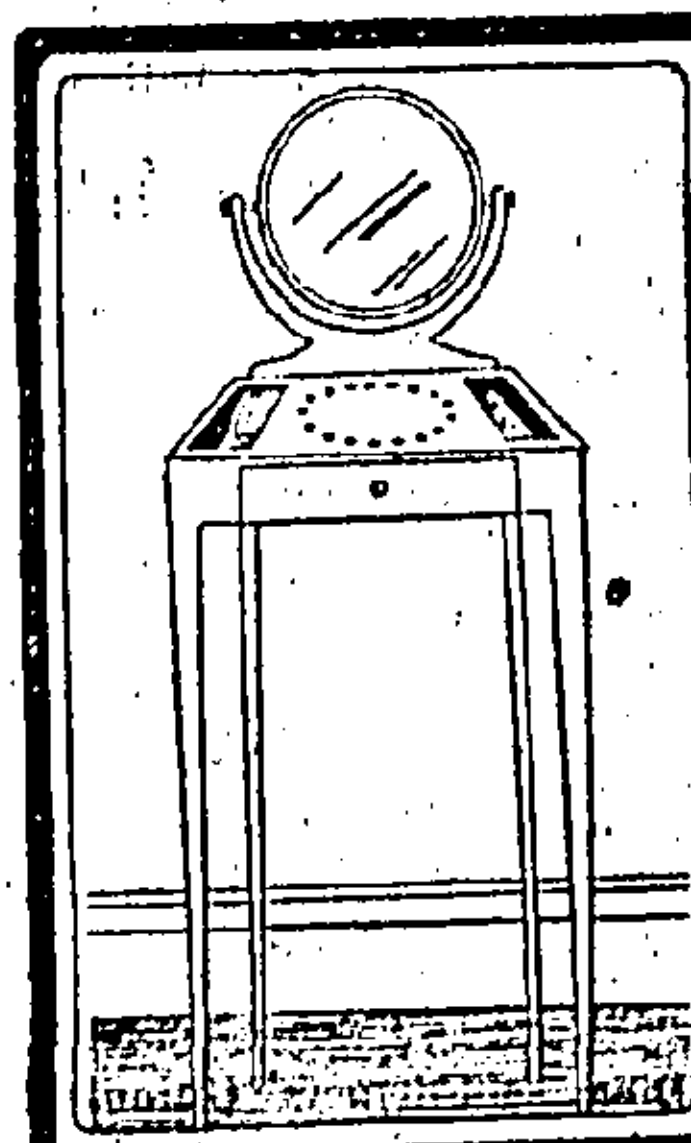
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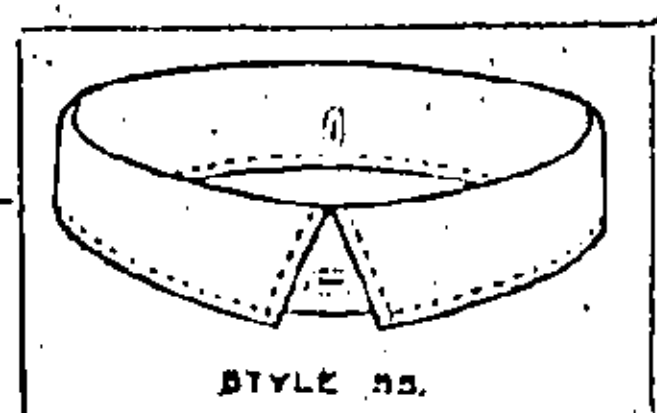
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ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy Lillian George, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George, of Kowloon, to Mr. George Bartle Frost, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frost, of Eastbourne, England.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1928.

THE GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY.

Mr. Winston Churchill has given the first inkling of the steps which the Government proposes to take in relieving industry from the burdens of local taxation. Citing agriculture, coal, cotton, iron and steel, engineering and shipbuilding as basic industries which are in difficulties, he asserts that by October of next year the depressed manufacturing industries will have their rates reduced on an average by seventy-five per cent., whilst agricultural producers will have these burdens entirely abolished. Railways are also to be relieved of local taxation so as to enable them to offer lower rates of transit to what are known as the heavy industries.

This would appear to represent the Government's answer to recent criticisms that it is not doing anything to keep alive those British industries which have not been granted the benefits of the Safeguarding Act. It has long been apparent that the Government would have to do something for agriculture, as Farmers' Union all over the country were up in arms against the Baldwin Administration for failing to carry out the Prime Minister's assurances that steps would be taken to restore this industry to a state of prosperity. So marked did the campaign against the Government become that many hitherto staunch supporters of the Conservatives in rural areas declared that, unless something were done, they would vote against the Government at the next General Election. Whether the farmers will now be content with the assurances of relief eighteen months ahead, remains to be seen. The aim of the Government in seeking to secure lower freight rates on the railways for the products of industry is most commendable, but we doubt whether the motor-bus companies will feel very comfortable over the fact that the tax on petrol is to be the source from which the relief to the railways is to be made possible. The railways and the motor-bus

companies are at the moment in keen rivalry, and the latter will no doubt feel it a hardship that they are to provide a considerable part of the money needed to free the former from the burdens of local taxation. We shall most probably hear more on this particular point.

An interesting sidelight on the Government's policy towards the big industries was recently revealed when a body of political experts representing the Conservative Associations throughout the country expressed the view that there should be an immediate application of the policy of "Safeguarding" to the iron and steel industry. The London Morning Post, commenting on that declaration, said that if the country were governed, as in the past, by a Government with the independence and strength to take any line they thought right for the good and the safety of the nation, such a measure would have been taken long ago. But, it added, democratic Governments had to consider not merely their own opinion, and the expert view, but the manifold prejudices and the stimulated storms of ignorance and mass-propaganda. The formula recommended to the Prime Minister by this journal was:—"Let him, with a view to the next elections, determine to break those fetters of inhibitory pledges which he has hammered round his own wrists. Let him make no exception either for agriculture or industry; but merely say that where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Government that safeguarding is necessary, it will be imposed. The Liberals and Socialists would, of course, raise a great cry; but the facts of our economic situation would fight against them." However, the Government has decided to proceed on other lines, and time will show whether it has succeeded in pleasing those who have supported it in the past.

The French Elections.

The French elections have proved a signal triumph for M. Poincare and his financial policy, and, with a working majority of nearly four hundred, the Premier will be in a position to pursue his programme without fear of confusion or equivocation in the Chamber. M. Poincare accepted office a trifle over two years ago, when France's finances were in a deplorable state. In the interim, the strong measures he adopted have saved the country from insolvency, and the franc is well on the way to recovery. To do this, M. Poincare imposed almost merciless taxation, and in opening his election campaign last month, the Prime Minister issued a warning to those who were under the impression that the high taxation might be relaxed. In spite of this, the country has showed itself, in no uncertain manner, to be favourable to a continuance of that policy, and the returns are to be interpreted as a great tribute to M. Poincare's real achievements. Probably in no other democratic country in the world in these days could a parliamentary election so exclusively concern itself with the career of a single statesman. His success is the more creditable since it was obtained coincidentally with a change in the electoral system from *scrutin de liste*, or large constituencies with several members, to *scrutin d'arrondissement*, smaller constituencies with a single member. The new system was thought to be most favourable to the Leftists, but the movement of the Chamber to the Right is definite indication of the desire for a stable Government with a strong programme. The Communists have been the principal sufferers, and on this the electorate is to be congratulated. The National Union majority will enable M. Poincare to set France's financial house in order.

In his report to the police a Chinese alleged that his pocket was picked yesterday afternoon while he was passing the Old Fire Brigade station on Des Voeux Road Central, and three cheques, two of \$500, and one of \$1,000, were stolen from him. Later, the police detained a suspect, in whose possession \$42 was found, but no trace was found of the cheques. The man emphatically denied that he was the pickpocket.

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN WHO HAS HAD A COLLEGE EDUCATION GETS AN ATMOSPHERE ABOUT HIM THAT NOTHING ELSE CAN GIVE HIM; BUT I DOUBT IF IT DOES HIM ANY GOOD.—George H. Collins.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows one case of diphtheria (British) and one of smallpox (Chinese).

A Chinese was fined \$5 at the Police Court to-day for taking a pointer bitch across the harbour without a permit. He was also fined \$5 for lacking a license.

The rainfall registered at the Botanic Gardens during April totalled 6.68 inches. This was spread over 12 days, the heaviest fall being 4.52 inches on the 21st.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. W. Faulkner, of the General Electric Company, whose death was reported yesterday, takes place this evening, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

A Chinese girl, named Ng Chi-fun, twenty-one years of age, residing at 65, Nathan Road, died in the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday after she had taken a dose of Lysoal believed to have been self-administered.

"Anna Christie" was recently produced at the Little Theatre, New Orleans, of which the Director is Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong. The play was a great success according to the glowing Press notices.

A chow dog belonging to Mr. W. Simpson, of No. 39, Jordan Road, was yesterday removed to Matau-kok for observation after the dog had bitten a Chinese living at No. 4 Wai Ching Street. The man was treated at the Kowloon Hospital.

A Chinese hawk residing at No. 83, Third Street, ground floor, was sent to the G. C. H. yesterday suffering from severe scalds on his arms, legs and body. The injuries were caused by the accidental upsetting of a pot of boiling fat.

The s.s. Nanchang, arriving from Swatow, reports one suicide en route, no further details being given in the ship's Harbour Office report. Chan Kow, fireman of the Arafura, from Oturu and Moji, died from pneumonia on April 25th, two days before reaching the Japanese port.

Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., prosecuted in a case in which a Chinese constable was charged before Major C. Willson this morning with desertion from the Force in 1923. His Worship, after hearing Mr. Kent on the particulars of the defendant's service with the Force, passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

Mr. B. Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer & Co., has now returned to business after an absence of 10 weeks, due to a football accident. In February, Mr. Pasco was fortunately insured against accident by the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd., for whom the local agents are James H. Blackhouse, Limited.

A curious report has been made to the police by a farmer of Pat Heng valley, New Territories. According to the report, the farmer found his bull killed in the stable and he stated to the police that he believed that the animal was killed by dynamite, placed there by another villager. The motive was stated to be revenge.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed this morning by Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, on Tsang Yuk-fai, an accountant of the Fuk Wah printing firm, who was arrested on a warrant on a charge of embezzlement of \$380, money belonging to that firm. The defendant had nothing to say in answer to the charge.

Passengers arriving here to-day by the s.s. Arafura from Australia were: Mrs. K. J. Hall, Mrs. A. L. Reeves, Miss E. R. Uren, Miss M. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Campbell, Mrs. C. E. Murray, Miss I. Murray, Miss E. Hanson, Mr. H. T. Squire, Miss A. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nelson, Mr. A. A. Turner, Miss Francis Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Abaltiz.

A local Notice to Mariners (No. 23 of 1928), issued under date May 1, states:—"Under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of 1899, Section 22 (6), it is hereby ordered that during the typhoon season, i.e., June 1 to October 15, each vessel over 60 tons lying in Hong-kong harbour shall have on board the following crew:—At least one certificated deck officer, and deck and engine room crew sufficient to work the anchors and to raise steam."

USED OLD BRICKS.

CONTRACTOR FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.

Divergence from the plans of two houses which are being constructed in Yaumati were alleged against a contractor before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the manager of the Hung Lee firm of contractors was charged with using inferior "blue bricks" in the construction of the ground, first and second floors of No. 208 and 212, Shanghai Street.

The defendant said the bricks used had been taken from old houses and he did not know that they were unsuitable for the present work.

His Worship:—You are a building contractor, and you ought to know.

The defendant replied that he had given instructions that only the good bricks were to be used.

It was stated by Mr. Neville, of the P.W.D., that the defendant had demolished three houses and used the old bricks in the new premises. These bricks were only permitted to be utilised for the top storey, but they were being used for the lower storeys as well.

A fine of \$50 was imposed and an order made for the walls to be opened up for inspection and then reconstructed to the satisfaction of the Building Authority.

MOSQUITO BREEDING.

FACTORY NUISANCE TO BE ABATED.

The manager of the Yick Wo Soy Factory, of Kip Shek Mei, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with failing to abate a nuisance by allowing mosquito larvae to be present in stagnant water in pools, jars, pots and earthenware kongs on the premises.

The defendant said the nuisance had already been abated, but it was stated by Inspector Sinton that although there were no signs of larvae on the premises at present, there was a likelihood of a recurrence. The defendant had actually drained his premises, but the water had run on to a vacant piece of Crown land, where it had accumulated.

What was necessary was the construction of a sump which should be emptied periodically.

His Worship pointed out that the defendant had carried out the necessary drainage work on his own premises, and could hardly be expected to make channels on Crown land.

Inspector Sinton replied that the nuisance was not only in respect of the pools of water.

The defendant was fined \$50 and ordered to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance.

DODGED A PUNCH.

INTRUDER SENTENCED ON THREE COUNTS.

The tenant of an upper floor at 6, Tong Lung Street was roused from sleep shortly after four o'clock yesterday morning by a noise on the staircase. Then a man's face was seen peeping through the lattice work above the doorway, and the tenant punched at it with his fist. The intruder dodged out of range, and the next moment, footsteps were heard scurrying down the steps.

Out in the street, a District Watchman stopped the man, who was leaving the house in a great hurry. The man offered as a bribe to the watchman a jacket, a watch and 70 cents, comprising the loot being taken away.

The man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, and was sentenced to six months' hard labour on charges of larceny and bribery. For disobeying an order of banishment, issued only last year, he was sentenced to a further term of six months' hard labour.

MAN, DROWNED.

FATAL SWIM IN TAIPO RIVER.

A Chinese hawk, thirty years of age, was drowned in the Tai-po River on Monday afternoon.

The deceased went to the river at about 1 p.m. on Monday for the joint purpose of gathering shells and swimming. At about 2.45 p.m. he was seen to be in difficulties, and waving his hands frantically.

He sank before help could be rendered, and the body was recovered, and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

The Very Idea!

Two golfing rivals were contesting the final of the club championship. They were all square at the seventeenth. Driving to the hole, one made a perfect shot down the fairway while the other sliced into the rough.

On going forward to investigate the latter player found to his consternation that his ball had gone down a rabbit hole. It was impossible to play the shot, and the game was as good as over.

"Your niblick, sir?" inquired the caddy.

"No, boy," replied the golfer in a resigned voice, "hand me a ferret!"

The Rev. D. Morse-Boycott reminds us that all great male writers have been reared upon the nursery rhymes.

When old Mother Hubbard inspected the cupboard And little Bo-Peep lost her flock,

And a man with a gun went duck-shooting for fun And a young rodent ran up a clock,

There was little to show how inspiring they'd grow To the race, generations ahead,

But they pointed the way to our writers to-day Who follow—where they nobly led.

The exigencies of London's traffic may result in the perpetual banishment from Piccadilly Circus of the famous statue of Eros, which used to occupy a site in the centre of the open space there. When, some months ago, the construction of a new subway station under Piccadilly Circus was decided upon, Eros was removed from his pedestal and given a temporary location in the Embankment Gardens. Since then the traffic congestion has increased to such an extent that the authorities are now considering whether the graceful statue with its fountain pedestal (about which a number of woman flower sellers were always to be found) does not occupy too much space to be returned to such a busy neighbourhood.

Defendant at Willesden: You can't get sober in two hours, can you?—The magistrate: You are the man of experience, not I.

"I want an injection order against my tenant," said a woman at Willesden.

"You and I are getting to know each other very well," said Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, to a widow of eighty-two whom he fined 20s. when she made her sixth appearance before him this year accused of being drunk and incapable.

"You belie your name," said Mr. Platten, the Tottenham magistrate, to a man named Water, accused of drunkenness.

"Keep no books! That is one way of giving trouble to the executors and profit to lawyers," said Judge Clier, at Shoreditch.

During a sham fight in the old Volunteer days an officer noticed a private standing upright.

"Hi! What are you doing there?" he shouted. "Take cover. You'll be shot."

"It's all right, sir," was the reply. "I've got me foot on the enemy's colonel's face."

The Rev. Francis Roughton, vicar of Galleywood, near Chelmsford, and his wife were pelted with soot and eggs by irate parishioners after a stormy Church council meeting.

More than a hundred people followed the vicar to the vicarage, and by the time he arrived there he was covered with soot, eggs, and earth. A policeman was powerless to help him. Mrs. Roughton and a number of women sympathisers were also pelted.

The parishioners' grievances were that the vicar refused to allow the children's treat in the schoolroom, enforced the resignation of a bell-ringer, and discouraged whilst drives and dances.

The vicar said to the demonstrators that he intended doing his duty as minister. The crowd before dispersing tarred the vicarage gates.

WEATHER REPORTS.

BREAKDOWN CAUSES A SUSPENSION.

It is notified that the service from G.O.W. Royal Observatory W/T Station, is temporarily suspended owing to a breakdown of machinery.

Meteorological traffic with ships will be worked by V.P.S. Cape D'Aguliar W/T Station on 600 metres.

The 300 metres telephony service is suspended until repairs are effected.

BANDITS SEIZE BIG PARTY.**OVER HUNDRED CHINESE ARE KIDNAPPED.****KWANGTUNG AFFAIR.**

An unusual story is reported in the Canton vernacular Press of the kidnapping of over a hundred people.

It appears that on April 23rd, a party of villagers of Shuntak District, numbering 107, proceeded to the Sai Chiu District with the intention of paying respect to the memory of their ancestors buried there. They were all members of one big clan named Koon.

While passing through the mountainous part of the district, they encountered a gang of bandits owing allegiance to a notorious chief named Lung Yeung-sha. All the bandits were armed, and they seized the whole party of visitors.

Fortunately, however, during the fight one of the small boys amongst the captives succeeded in escaping from the bandit den and later reported the outrage to the Village Volunteer Corps.

When the bandits discovered that this lad had escaped and was likely to inform the authorities of the affair, the bandit chief shot five of the captives by way of revenge.

Later, troops arrived at the bandit stronghold and fought desperately with the desperadoes, but the brigands were able to make off taking with them all the prisoners. The troops made a fruitless pursuit and only succeeded in killing and wounding a few of the bandits.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.**CHINESE GETS EXECUTIVE POST.**

Three Chinese Councillors and six Chinese members of the Council's committees were recently added to the Shanghai Municipal Council which has decided also to appoint one or two Chinese to every department. The appointment of Chinese to high rank in the S. M. C. departments has begun with the selection of a Chinese as Deputy Police Commissioner.

The need of a Chinese Deputy Police Commissioner has long been felt by the Municipal authorities and Mr. Yao Tseng-moo, assistant secretary, was recommended for the position by Capt. E. J. M. Barrett, Commissioner of Police. Mr. Yao has already taken up his post at the Gordon Road Police Station.

Mr. Yao is a native of Shanghai, being the younger brother of Mr. Yao Peh-hung and first cousin of Mr. Yao Tze-lo, noted Chinese of Shanghai. He entered St. John's University at the age of 14 and finished his high school course in 1905. He continued his studies at the St. John's College until he was junior in 1908.

It was in that year that Mr. Yao began to serve on the Shanghai Municipal Council. He was promoted to the position of Assistant Secretary in 1921. Mr. Yao is well educated in both the Chinese and English languages and is popular both among the Chinese and foreigners of Shanghai. He is the first Chinese Deputy Police Commissioner in the force.

It is learnt that of the Chinese members on the Shanghai Municipal Council, Dr. D. S. Chen is working on the police committee which requires the service of a man with his knowledge of law.

NEW KOWLOON BRANCH.**LANE, CRAWFORD'S BAKERY DEPARTMENT.**

In order to meet the demands of the growing population in Kowloon, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have now opened a bread, cake and grocery department, at 74, Nathan Road, in conjunction with the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company, Ltd. The last-named Company have lately found that their premises on the corner of Humphreys Avenue have become too small and they have now extended by taking over half the adjoining shop. It is in the other half of this shop that Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., have opened their new department and they are now providing service and facilities which will doubtless be much appreciated by housewives and others.

It is announced that big supplies of cakes, fancy gateaux and pastries will always be on hand and that the ladies of Kowloon will be able to shop in this regard just as well at Kowloon as they can now at the central store in Hongkong.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. E. M. G. Ozerio of the A.P.C., Canton, to Miss Olive Xavier of the A.P.C., Hongkong.

WORST YEARS LEFT BEHIND.**CHINA UNDERWRITERS PROGRESS.****OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE MUCH BRIGHTER.****TO-DAY'S MEETING.**

Presiding at the fourth annual general meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., at noon to-day, Mr. R. G. Shewan was able to report satisfactory progress by the various Departments of the Company.

He stated that the income from the Accident Department had been doubled for the second year in succession, and that there was an increase of over \$84,000 in the premiums received by the Life Department.

The Company's progress, he said, had been as satisfactory as they had reason to hope, and they could consider that they had left their most difficult years behind.

Chairman's Speech.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—We have now the pleasure to lay before you our report and the accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927, and, as these have been in your hands for the required period, I will with your consent take them as read.

As on the last occasion, we have converted all silver currency figures to Hongkong dollars and all gold currency figures to sterling at the parities. The gold and silver figures have then been converted for convenience of reference to Hongkong dollars at the rate ruling at 31st December, 1927, namely 2s. 0.34d. As the rate differs slightly from that at which the figures were combined on 31st December, 1926, we have, for the sake of continuity, shown the figures brought forward at last year's rate and carried the difference to Exchange Account.

The Revenue Accounts are being shown this year in the same form as previously, but it is proposed in future in order to minimize fluctuations to combine the Marine, Fire and Accident Departments, following the precedent of some of the larger composite companies transacting business locally.

I will now refer to the various departments in the same order as on previous occasions.

Marine Department.

In the Marine Department, the net premiums have been reduced by the discontinuance of business from an unprofitable source referred to last year and by the reduction in our net retentions as a measure of precaution also then referred to. The gross premiums on the more profitable part of the business have increased in a satisfactory manner and in total the net premiums stand at \$120,271 against \$145,163 last year. While the net premium income showed some decrease, we can safely say that the constitution of the business is much more satisfactory.

The steps taken with regard to this Department last year, and referred to in my speech, have proved effective, and the result is reflected in the Revenue Account for the current year. Reserves set up last year for outstanding and unexpired risks have proved more than adequate, and, with a satisfactory underwriting experience in the current year, we show a credit of \$15,623 to Profit & Loss after setting up full reserves, against a debit of \$89,792 in 1926. I believe that the reserves now set up are ample to cover outstanding claims and unexpired risks.

Fire Insurance.

The Fire Insurance Department premiums amount to \$81,819 against \$95,770 in 1926, but the account shows a debit balance of \$4,141. This is attributable to the fact that larger reserves have been set up for outstanding and unexpired risks than on the previous occasions.

In the face of competition it is not easy at the present time to expand the Marine and Fire Department very rapidly though we are making all endeavours to do so. This being so, I do not anticipate any very considerable profit from these Departments in the near future, but the business is sound and if, as I hope, we are able later on to extend our operations, these Departments should, in course of time, contribute their share to the profits.

Accident Department.

The Accident Department produced premiums of \$13,145 thereby doubling the income for the second year in succession. The expenses at \$5,271 are very slightly in excess of those for the two previous years. After setting up reserves of \$5,258 a sum of \$1,346 is

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NO MONEYLENDING RECEIPTS.**JUDGE CONDEMNS A LOCAL PRACTICE.****LONG INSTALLMENTS.**

A money-lending case which was heard by Mr. F. Jacks, acting Puisne Judge, in the Summary Court this morning, in which a defendant said he had paid five instalments while the Indian plaintiff contended that he had only received two, caused his Lordship to remark on the local practice of receipts not being given by money-lenders on payment of money.

The plaintiff was Naranjan Singh, administering the estate of the late Ojagar Singh, and the defendant was Mr. Hussans, clerk of the R.A.S.C. The claim was for \$324 on a promissory note dated June 3, last year.

The plaintiff said that the note was given in settlement of another action and was for \$354. He admitted that he had received two instalments of \$15 each, leaving the balance claimed.

The defendant said he had paid five instalments, for which the plaintiff had refused to give receipts.

The plaintiff said there was no objection to giving receipts, and his Lordship commented that an acknowledgment should be given. He suggested that money paid should be recorded on the back of the note in the presence of both parties so that the court could see how matters stood. Addressing the defendant he said it was no use coming to Court and making statements which he could not prove. The defendant, added his Lordship, would be quite justified in refusing payment until a receipt was given.

Judgment was entered for the plaintiff and the defendant was ordered to pay \$12 a month instalments.

P. & O. CAPTAIN DIES.**COLLAPSES ON DECK OF "NALDERA."**

Sydney, May 1.

Captain P. C. E. Dayas, the commander of the P. & O. liner Naldera, collapsed on the deck when 200 miles from here, and died.

Reuter.

[The local office of the P. and O. Company have no record of Captain Dayas' career. The second in command is Chief Officer F. E. French, R.N.R., who holds a master's certificate, and it is presumed that he will take charge of the liner, which, according to schedule, left Sydney yesterday.]

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, addressing a missionary meeting at Ipswich recently, said: "I don't know whether you have dances. There are a certain number of clergy who look askance at dancing. Many more probably question whether it is a proper thing to take part in whilst drives. I think in our country, parishes two of the great means of helping on Christian fellowship have been dances and whilst drives."

COMMUNISTS SACK BIG CITY.**SEVERAL THOUSANDS KILLED.****SLAUGHTER ACCORDING TO CLASSES.****HUNAN TYRANNY.**

Hengchow, Apr. 10.
A pamphlet distributed by the refugees from Anren city gives a long description of the sufferings of the city during the time it has been in the hands of the Communists.

The pamphlet is addressed to the Nationalist Government and states in part, that the sufferings of the inhabitants of his town were the same as those of Lelyang and Chenchow; apart from an early Communist occupation when only some ten murders were committed the procedure has been practically the same.

Troops Flee.

The pressure on Lelyang by Government troops forced the band to depart from that centre and they immediately rushed to Anren. The small garrison that had been stationed there working with a local defence corps since the first Communist uprising left at the approach of the large body from Lelyang, and the field was left clear for the Communists to take revenge which they did.

Thousands Killed.

Some thousands were killed with the usual atrocities, and most of the houses have been destroyed. What, according to the pamphlet made matters harder for the people, was the heavy rains which set in making the roads impassable, and thus preventing the escape of many who would otherwise have got away.

On this occasion it appears that the Communists army were divided into separate bodies with separate functions such as the "Burning and killing corps" the "Searching the mountain corps" the "Black face corps" etc. Their slogans were simply kill, with the addition of a long list of the various classes to be killed. According to this list if the programme is fully carried out, there will be practically none but themselves left.

Whole District Suffers.

With the sacking of Anren, the fact is revealed that these Communist troops have operated over a very wide area, and according to this and other pamphlets issued there has hardly been a village in the whole district which has not been ravaged by them.

Lelyang, Chenchow and Anren are first-class cities, by no means to be compared to villages, so that the Communist menace in this district has assumed greater importance than would appear from a bare reading of the meagre news which has been published.

The present position of this band has not yet been communicated, but no news has been received which would indicate that they have been exterminated by Government troops or that they have been adequately dealt with otherwise, it may therefore be assumed that they are still at large and in the position to menace other towns in the district.

MOROS EXECUTED IN MANILA.**FOUR DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.****CHLOROFORM GIVEN.**

Manila, Apr. 26.
Yesterday afternoon at Billbid Prison, four Moros—Sawajan, Hall, Barahama and Asmani—paid the death penalty for murder.

They died in the electric chair, one after the other, in the order named.

Only one of the doomed men went to the chair protesting his innocence. This was the last to expiate the crime, Asmani. And he was likewise the only one who walked unsupported to his doom. The others had been given an anaesthetic and required the aid of guards to be taken from the death chapel to the death chamber.

An anaesthetic in the form of chloroform was administered to all of the men, so that each was unconscious when the death-dealing current of electricity was turned into the chair.

Two Shocks.

Sawajan and Barahama died from the first shock. Two shocks were required to satisfy the demand of the law with the others.

The crime for which the four men were electrocuted was the murder at Jolo of another Moro named Hassan, on May 10, 1926, for the purpose of robbery. The quartette secured Pesos 50; as the result of their crime.

Efforts were made to secure a commutation of sentence for the condemned men but Governor General Stimson, after a careful study of the case, declined to interfere and permitted the law to take its course.

Letters to Relatives.

So far as known, none of the Moros made any religious confession, refusing to receive the benediction of the prison chaplain in the absence of a prelate of the Mohammedan faith. They requested and saw Data Tahl, however, who gave the religious consolation they needed and who it was understood was asked to convey personal messages to the relatives and friends.

The prisoners were reported to have written letters to their relatives just before their execution saying they were satisfied that Allah would take care of their souls.

These were the first Moros to be executed in the electric chair.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 10 departures, but both tonnage and cargo figures were low. British vessels held top place under all headings, with 1,014 of a total of 1,364 inward cargo, and 17,873 of a total of 20,877 shipped through. Four vessels entered in ballast. At 9 a.m., there were 56 vessels in harbour, of which 18 were British.

There were ten deaths from small-pox last week, all Chinese. One was an imported case. There was a British case of diphtheria, and four cases (one British and three Chinese) of enteric, two of which ended fatally. There was one death from influenza. On Monday there was another Chinese case of small-pox and another British case of diphtheria.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What new body has been set up by the War Office, and what are its duties?
- 2 What volume originally sold for 6d. has recently been sold for £1,200?
- 3 What vessel with only four people on board recently left Westminster Bridge bound for New York? Why has the journey been undertaken?
- 4 How are the advantages of air travel emphasized in Sir Alan Cobham's present survey of Rhodesia?
- 5 For what purpose has Lord Blaisdale just completed a mission in South America, and which countries has he visited?
- 6 What almost universal complaint has been called the "rag-bag of diseases"?
- 7 Where has a new series of stamps bearing for the first time the inscription "Postage and Revenue" been issued? What was the previous inscription? Why has the change been made?
- 8 What English Bank Holidays are not observed in Scotland?
- 9 Who is the patron saint of Spain?
- 10 Explain the difference between enumerating the size of a building in "storeys" and in "floors."
- 11 Why is a tea-rose so called?
- 12 How many quires make a ream of paper?

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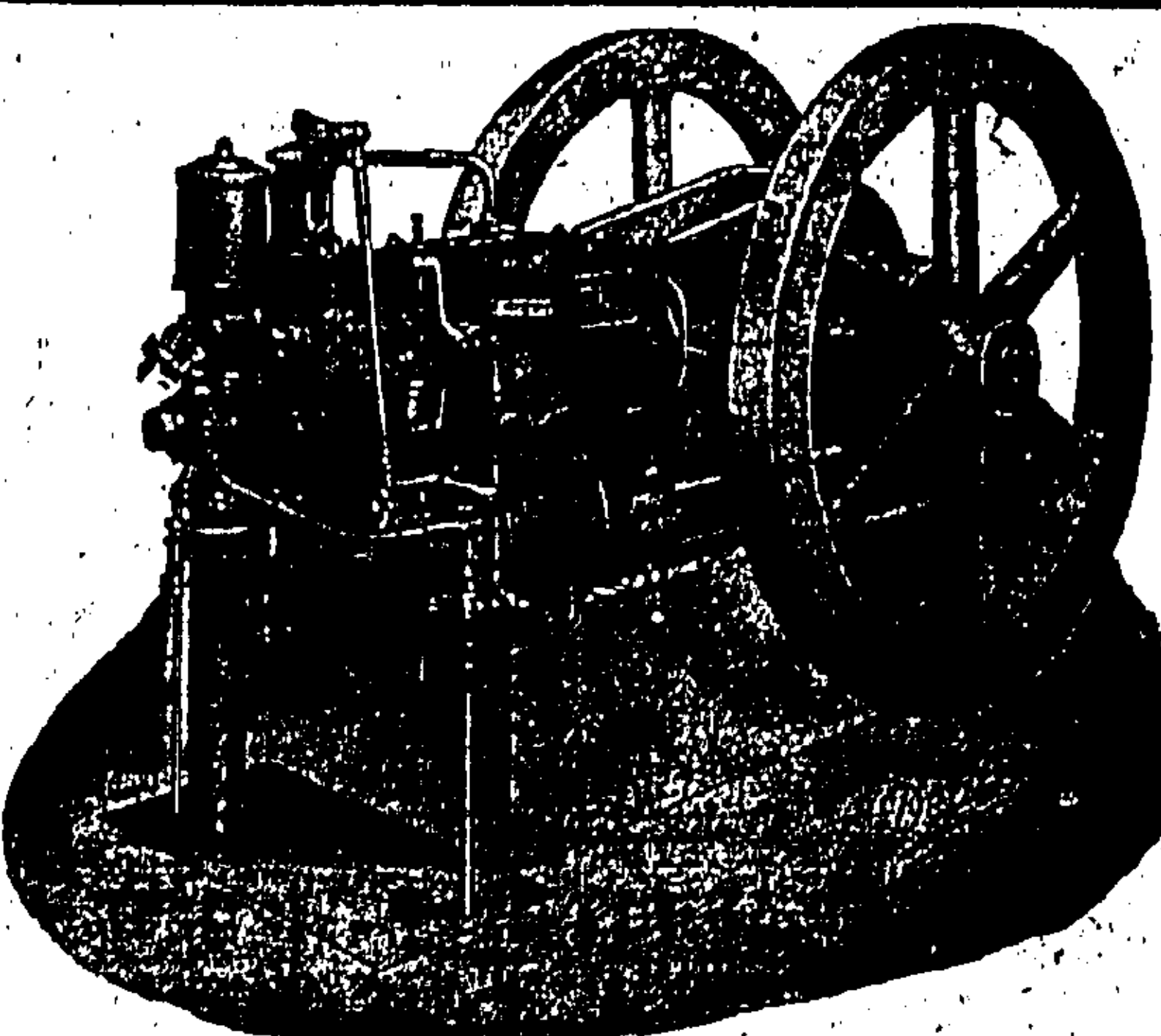
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NEW TENNIS
CHAMPION.MAJOR STEVENSON DEFEATS
S. E. GREEN.

In a fast and exciting match, Major W. B. Stevenson won the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis championship on the cricket ground yesterday by defeating last year's holder, Mr. S. E. Green, by 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, in the final. It was the first time that Major Stevenson has been in the final for the championship and he is to be congratulated on defeating such a redoubtable opponent.

There was not a great deal to choose between the pair. Major Stevenson, while not placing with the deadly accuracy of Green, showed great agility in returning difficult balls and made a number of exceptionally good recoveries. He also caused his opponent some trouble by continually varying his game. Green played largely from the base line and relied upon clever and accurate placing.

After Stevenson had won the first set, he was going well for the second when Green broke through his service and took the set at 8-6. The next two sets were notable for the number of times that deuce was called. In both, Green started off well and obtained the lead, but Stevenson levelled up and won them.

ATTEMPTED TO ROB HIS
FATHER.FOUR-YEAR SENTENCE IN
SHANGHAI.

An unusual story of a son attempting to rob his own father, assisted by a gang of armed robbers, was unfolded at the Provisional Court at Shanghai last week, when two Cantonese youths made their appearance upon a charge of attempted armed robbery, on April 6, at 1078 Hanbury Road, the home of the father of one of the accused.

Detective Sub-Inspector Schmidt gave evidence of arrest, and described how the police, on information received to the effect that a robbery had been planned at this address, maintained a watch upon the premises and at an early hour on April 6 observed three men knock at the door of 1078 Hanbury Road. A move was made in their direction by the watching police but the gang saw them and fled, one making his escape, the other two being arrested. One of these was the son of the tenant of the house they had gone to rob. He was unarmed but his companion was found to be in possession of an imitation pistol and a knife.

They admitted having gone to the house to rob the occupants. The complainant identified the youth as his adopted son, but said that he had disowned him some time earlier for committing petty larcenies. He had inserted a notice in the newspapers to this effect. Only a day or two before the attempted robbery, his son had tried to borrow some money from him and he had refused him. However, he had become suspicious and warned the police, who kept watch, with the above results.

Each of the accused was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

FLOODS IN AMERICA.

MUCH DAMAGE IN MANY
STATES.

Atlanta, Apr. 24. River banks in parts of six southern states vanished to-day beneath spring torrents, which in most over-night isolated scores of towns and villages and caused damage mounting into the millions.

Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee felt the scourge of the flood in the order named, with Florida suffering the heaviest loss. Four persons are known to have perished and thousands of others are homeless.

One thousand persons were driven from their homes in Brown, Alabama. Four railroads leading into Florida are paralysed.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

GARRISON LEAGUE SPECIAL
MATCH.

The special match arranged between the winners of the Garrison League and "The Rest" which was arranged for to-day, has been postponed, and will be played to-morrow at the Sockanoo ground, kick-off 8 p.m.

BADMINTON.

FINALS OF PEAK TOURNEY.

The finals of the Badminton Tournament organised by the Peak Club are to be played off to-morrow, at the Club, commencing at 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL FORECAST
COMPETITION.LAST OPPORTUNITY OF
WINNING \$50.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League matches (to be played on Saturday next, May 5th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.Matches to be played on
May 5th:

DIVISION I.	
Wednesday	Aston Villa.
Manch. U.	Liverpool.
Middlesbrough	Sunderland.
Bolton	Sheffield U.

DIVISION II.	
Blackpool	Fulham.
Clapton	Wolves.
Reading	Swansea.
Stoke	Leeds.

DIVISION III.	
Brighton	Swindon.
Palace	Plymouth.
Durham	Crews.
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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

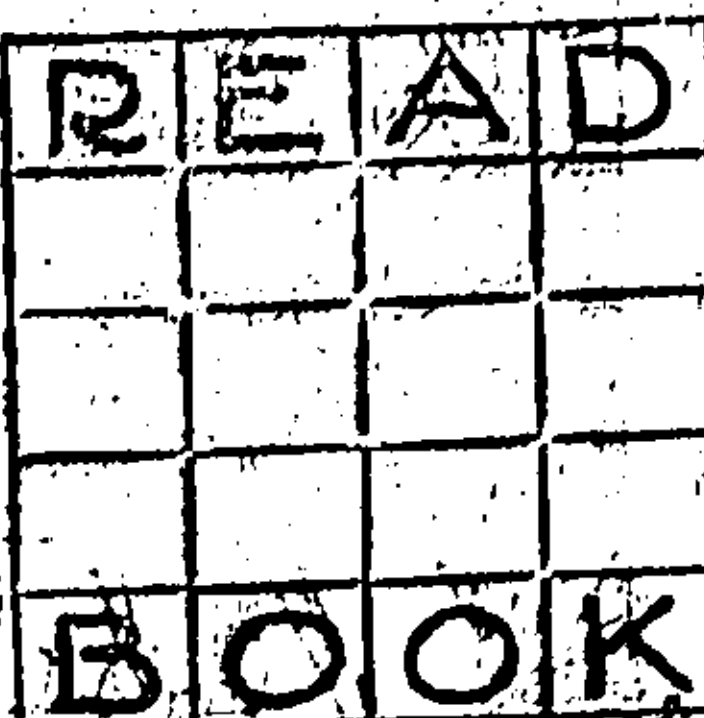
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LETTER GOLF.

From READ to BOOK, to-day's letter golf puzzle, is a short hple.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in four, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to SEW, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, SEW.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

WORST YEARS LEFT
BEHIND.

(Continued from Page 7.)

carried to the debit of Profit & Loss. The claim ratio has been moderate and the small debit is attributable to setting up full reserves on a rapidly expanding business. At the same rate of progress, we should very soon be able to show a profit in the Department.

Life Department Increases.

I will now refer to the Life Department, where we look for our principal development. The premiums received during the year amounted to \$377,953, showing an increase of \$84,782 on the premium income for the previous year. Expenses, (excluding commission) at \$135,375 are less by \$1,200 than in the previous year. Claims notified, though heavier than last year, are quite within the expectation in view of the increased volume and longer duration of the business.

The total life income for the year exceeded all outgoings (including claims) by \$26,542 which we have carried to the credit of the Life Establishment Account, thus fulfilling the prediction made in the Chairman's speech two years ago. It is anticipated that the surpluses of income over outgo will increase rapidly in successive years, but the surpluses will require for some years to be carried to reduction of Life Establishment Account or placed to reserves.

We have now established life agencies throughout the Far East, and we can, I think, regard the future of the Department with confidence, although it is unlikely that the actuarial position will justify our recommending a distribution to shareholders for some time.

There is one item in the balance sheet which perhaps calls for explanation, viz. the item of Outstanding Premiums, \$39,595. To the extent of \$33,723 this represents life premium receipts in the hands of Agents for collection, and, of the balance, only about \$2,500 remains outstanding at the present time.

Good Response to Call.

The call of \$1 per share made on the 9th May last year was satisfactorily responded to, in spite of a certain amount of financial stringency in the Colony, and 98 per cent. of the call has been paid up.

The proceeds of this Call form a reserve against the Company's commitments, but it is unlikely that any further capital will need to be spent or that a further call will be required, at all events for some years.

We have on this occasion applied the amount of \$65,500, shown in the last statement as "Premium on Shares Account" in the first place to write off the items of \$5,818.62 preliminary expenses and \$10,000 underwriting commission, and the balance, together with the net credit balance from the Fire, Marine and Accident Departments, has been applied to the credit of Profit and Loss.

Better Outlook.

The debit to Profit and Loss is reduced from \$116,382 to \$47,243. This substantial reduction, the elimination of the two items referred to, and the reduction in the Life Establishment Account indicate an improved position. We think that on the whole progress has been at least as satisfactory as we had reason to hope, and we may consider we have left our most difficult years behind.

It is felt that the position of the Company is now such that the Manager will be able to take his leave without prejudice to the Company's interests, and he proposes on his return journey, in six months' time, to visit the Southern Agencies with a view to consolidating our interests there. During his absence Mr. E. R. Childie, the Assistant Secretary, will assume charge of the Company.

Articles Altered.

As you are aware, we have during the year altered the Company's Articles, and the business of the Company is now conducted by a Board of Directors elected in accordance with the Articles by the shareholders, a form of constitution which is undoubtedly more satisfactory from every point of view for an Insurance Company than the constitution which it replaced.

In conclusion, I should like to express the Directors' appreciation of the loyal and energetic support given by branch managers, resident secretaries, agents and staff in our various branches.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Additional Director.

In asking a shareholder to propose the election of Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. C. B. Brooke, and Mr. Li Tse-fong to the Board of Directors, the Chairman said: "I should like to say that, in inviting Mr. Brooke to join the Board as an additional Director, it was

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$130 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank, \$31 b.
Maritime A. & B., \$33 1/2 n.
E. and O., \$4 1/2 n.
East Asiatic, \$75 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$680 b.
Union Ins., \$34 1/2 n.
North China, Ins., Tls. 140 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$47 b.
China Underwriters, \$23 b.
China Firs., \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$40 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 1/2 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 1/2 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$78 b.
Shell Trans., \$0/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 1/2 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$2 1/2 n.
Kailash, 67/6 n.
Langkats, Tls. \$13 1/2 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.
Rauha, \$4 n.
Tronoh, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$43 b.
China Providents, \$5 s.
Hongkong, Tls. 159 b. X. Div.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 s.
Shanghai-Docks, Tls. 108 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.25 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 55 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$81 s.
H. K. Lands, \$66 1/2 s.
Shai Lands Tls. 140 b.
Humphreys, \$142 n.
Realities, \$3.25 b.
Territorials, \$1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$25.20 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 1/2 b.
Star Ferries, \$64 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$11.65 b.
X. Right.
H'kong Electric, \$70 1/2 n.
Macao Electric, \$26 1/2 b.
Telephones \$4.70 b.
China Buses, Tls. 7 1/2 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$5.35 n.
Malabons, \$24 1/2 n.
Canton Iron, \$4 n.
Cementa (Comb) \$10.40 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7 1/2 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.75 n.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Der A. Wing, 50 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceres, \$11 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$29 s.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 7 1/2 X. Interest
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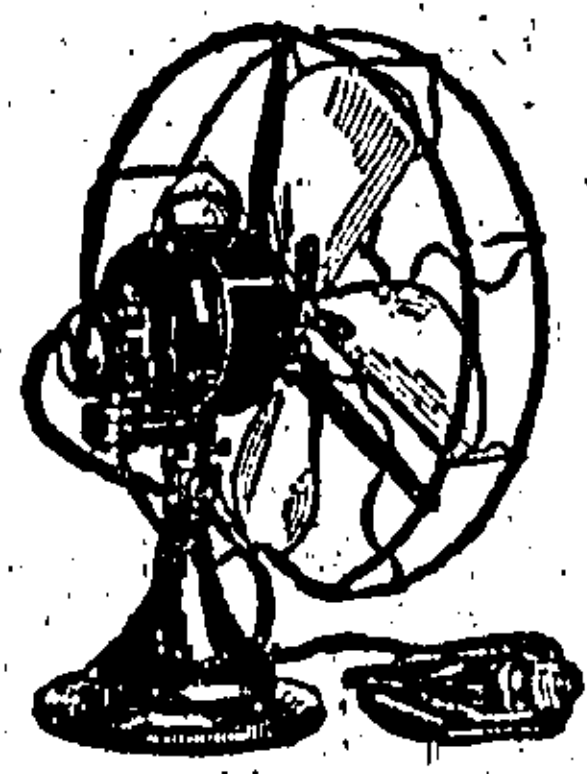
not intended to increase permanently the number of Directors. As, however, several of the Directors have been unexpectedly called away at the same time, it was felt that Mr. Brooke's assistance, as an original member of the Constituting Committee of this Company, would be valuable during the absence of Messrs. Cameron, Marcel and da Rosa. If Mr. Brooke is elected, it is his intention to resign as soon as the return of one or more of the Directors makes this practicable, and I should like, on behalf of myself and other Directors, to thank Mr. Brooke for acceding to our request.

On the proposition of Mr. Allan Keith, seconded by Mr. Wong Oik-ut, the proposed Directors were elected.

The Auditors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were elected auditors at a remuneration of \$760 each, on the proposition of S. F. Chubb, seconded by Mr. D. L. King.

Directors present, in addition to the Chairman, were Mr. C. B. Brooke, and Mr. Li Tse-fong; also Mr. Herbert R. Sturt, F.I.A., manager and secretary, and Mr. E. R. Childie, A.I.A., assistant secretary. The following shareholders attended:—Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. D. L. King, Mr. Allan Keith, Mr. S. F. Chubb, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. J. Toppin, Mr. A. W. da Rosa, and Mr. Wong Oik-ut.



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ST. PETER'S CLUB.

INTERESTING SPORTING EVENTS ARRANGED.

The monthly circular of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club states:

The Club thank all those who have helped (directly or indirectly) to make the above event the great success it was. We congratulate (1) Pte. Tiernan in having won this race of 8.5 miles in the fast time of 53 minutes, (2) The Hongkong and Singapore Mounted Battery in having won the Team Shield and (3) Messrs. G. H. Kew and R. E. G. Leong in having won respectively the first and second prizes for members. A full account of this was given in the Press.

Joint Secretaryship.

Mr. A. E. Perry has been elected to the above post in succession to Mr. G. S. Zimmermann. It is hoped that members will continue to give to Mr. Perry and the new Joint Secretary the same co-operation as they have done in the past. Mr. Perry's office address is at Assurance Franco Asiatique and residential address, the Club, where he will be found most evenings of the week.

Club Bathing Shed.

Mainly through the good offices of the Club Patron, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kowall, C. M. G., the Government have allotted this Club a site for the erection of Bathing Shed at Repulse Bay. The Club thank very warmly those firms and gentlemen who have so liberally contributed towards the cost of erection. The shed is under construction and will be ready for use sometime about the middle of the month. The Opening Ceremony has been fixed for Empire Day at 3.30 p.m. Members desirous of inviting friends to attend this function are requested to send in their names to the Club Secretary, Mr. Philip Tai, by later than 15th May.

The lunch picnic which proved a successful last year will be continued this summer. The first picnic will be held on Whit-Monday, 28th May, and will be an all-day event. It is hoped to hold the first Moonlight Picnic on 2nd June (Saturday) weather conditions are favourable. The second picnic this year will be held on 9th June (Saturday).

Indoor Sports.

We congratulate Mr. Philip Tai in having won the Kowloon Challenge Cup for Billiards. The Ping Pong Championship and Tournament have just commenced and will probably finish by the end of next month.

It is hoped to arrange several inter-club ping-pong tournaments during the course of those few weeks.

Personal.

We are glad to welcome the return of our Vice-President, Mr. W. L. Patterson.

Last month saw the departure of Prof. Earle, who is leaving Hongkong for good. Shanghai is the fortunate city which will be the new field of his work.

Membership Campaign.
At the Extraordinary Meeting held last month it was suggested that a drive for new members be made as early as possible. It is hoped by this campaign, to bring into the Club a larger circle of young men who might wish to associate themselves with the Club's activities and aims. As soon as the Finance and the Executive Committees have gone into this, an announcement will be made.

CHINESE CONSTABLE ACQUITTED.

CHARGE OF HARBOURING WITHDRAWN.

A charge of harbouring a young Chinese girl brought against a Chinese constable before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon was withdrawn by the prosecution and the defendant was accordingly discharged.

Mr. E. H. Williams, assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted, and Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the defendant. Mr. L. H. C. Callinor, assistant Superintendent of Police for Kowloon, watched the case on behalf of his department.

Mr. d'Almada intimated to his Worship that the two parties were negotiating for a settlement of "this love affair."

Mr. Williams said that the case was similar to one which was before his Worship some weeks ago. The girl's parents had missed her and later found that she was living with the defendant, who was quite willing to marry her. In fact it was the girl who had first suggested that she should live with him. She had met him while he was on his beat.

She was engaged to a man in the country and her parents had already received \$80 from this suitor. The defendant, however, was willing to marry her and repay that money.

Under the circumstances, continued Mr. Williams, the prosecution was asking to withdraw the charge against the defendant and there was no doubt that a settlement could be arrived at when the parents were approached.

When the girl's parents were called before his Worship, however, they refused to consent to the proposal and in reply, said that the girl's fiancée had intimated that he still wished to marry her, notwithstanding that fact that she had lived with the defendant.

His Worship: All the same I don't think it is likely to be a happy marriage. I am going to dismiss the charge. I think, under the circumstances, it is not one to be proceeded with.

His Worship remarked to Mr. Williams that further negotiations would be necessary.

FANLING GOLF.

A. E. LISSAMAN WINS THE BOGEY POOL.

A. E. Lissaman (8) won the bogey pool at Fanling over the week-end, returning a card 2 up. Other scores were: T. D. E. Pendered (3), R. M. Finlayson (6), all square; D. Forbes (12), A. H. Alexander (Scratch), 1 down.

There were twenty-seven entries.

SHANGHAI CRIME.

FIVE SHOT BY ARMED BANDITS.

Shanghai, Apr. 26.

Criminal gangs wrote one of the blackest pages in the crime history of the French Concession on Wednesday when they broke out in four cases of shooting and shot down five people. The worst case involved a gang of five men, apparently political gunmen in the employ of Communists, who carrying out political vengeance on a suspected informer, entered 178 Rue Bourget, and deliberately shot three Chinese, one of whom was a woman. One of the victims was killed and the other two were mortally wounded.

This case crowned a day of unusual crime which gave the French police a busy time, but in one case involving a Chinese who brought two pistols into play, the police arrested the man after a running street battle.

The triple shooting at 178 Rue Bourget has definitely been established as the work of a gang of five desperadoes who wreaked vengeance against a man believed to have given information to the police regarding a notorious Communist leader subsequently arrested. Indicating the clever intelligence work of the gang is the fact that the family formerly lived in the Foreign Settlement, and had changed over to the house in the French Concession only four days before the three were shot.

Shot on Staircase.

French police enquiries show that the gang of five armed men visited the house and after herding the servants into a room on the ground floor, under guard of one armed man, the remaining four mounted the staircase and started their deadly work. In the middle of the staircase they were met by a man whose attention had been drawn to the noise of the invasion.

Without a word, the leading bandit shot him through the forehead. On the first floor, in one of the bedrooms, they found a woman who had hidden under the bed. A shot was fired at her and mortally wounded her. In another room, they found the husband who, overcome with fear, was hiding under the bed clothes. He was killed by a bullet fired through his forehead at close range. The gang then left the house.

The French police were informed and immediately removed the victims to the hospital, where the husband was found to be dead, and the wife and the other man were found to have wounds which are believed mortal. Investigations showed that the family had been threatened for some time and removed into the concession in an effort to escape.

"Two Gun" Man Caught.

A "two gun" man was arrested by the French police on Wednesday afternoon after a running fight in the streets. Operating on special duty in Rue Eugene Bard, a police squad stopped two Chinese rishas to search them when they saw a Chinese some distance away jump down hurriedly from another rishas and try to run away.

The detectives immediately pursued him and the fleeing desperado turned round and fired at his pursuers. Several shots were exchanged without effect as the desperado ran towards Rue Porte de l'Ouest. Further down the street a Chinese policeman, who had just left his post, his duty finished, espied him and tried to block his path. The desperado fired at him but the policeman dodged behind a cement post while the desperado emptied his pistol.

Captured by Police.

Flinging to the ground his empty pistol, the desperado drew another pistol from his clothing but before he had time to use it the policeman sprang at him, hit him in the stomach, and knocked him over. Breathless, the desperado was overpowered and taken to Avenue Joffre station.

An armed bandit who raided a shop in the Chinese city and entered the French Concession but managed to escape after using the pistol. He entered the Concession near Marché de l'Est followed by the Chinese police. The French police joined in the chase, and shots were exchanged, but the man threw down a bag containing \$1,600 he had stolen in his lone raid and turned back again into Chinese territory, where he escaped.

Warsaw, May 1.

Marshal Pilsudski's illness is only slight and he is expected to resume his duties in a week.—*Reuter.*

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EGYPT OUTLOOK.

REPLY IN FRIENDLY TONE.

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It is understood that the Egyptian reply to the British Ultimatum is very friendly, and that it declares that the Egyptian Government is unable to admit the right of Great Britain or any other Power to interfere in the independent legislation of the Egyptian Parliament, but in order to demonstrate its goodwill and the desire of Egypt to maintain friendly relations with Britain, the Assembly Bill will be held over until the next parliamentary session.

The Egyptian Government hopes that in the meantime a basis of better Anglo-Egyptian understanding will be reached, permitting the removal of the present difficulties. Egyptian statesmen trust that the manner in which the reply is worded will convince Great Britain of Egypt's desire to avoid friction and that Britain will accept the Egyptian action as a satisfactory response to the Ultimatum.—*Reuter.*

DRAMATIC CONTEST.

SHARKEY BEATS DELANCY IN FIRST ROUND.

New York, May 1.
The trans-Atlantic fight heroes stole the majority of applause from the boxers Sharkey and Delancy, who were the principals in a fifteen round contest at Madison Square Garden. There was a dramatic ending, Sharkey knocking out Delancy after seventy-three seconds. Their entrance was almost unnoticed, while the fighters were overwhelmingly ovated by 12,000 people. After the fight, the fiercer climbed in the ring and the announcer raised his hand to each in turn to signify that each was victor of the trans-Atlantic Westward passage.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPANESE POLITICS.

THE DIET AGAIN PROROGUED.

Tokyo, May 1.
The Diet has been prorogued for another three days, after a three minutes' session.—*Reuter.*
[Previous messages stated that the Cabinet was clinging to office and would continue to prorogue the Diet as long as there is danger of the non-confidence motion passing.]

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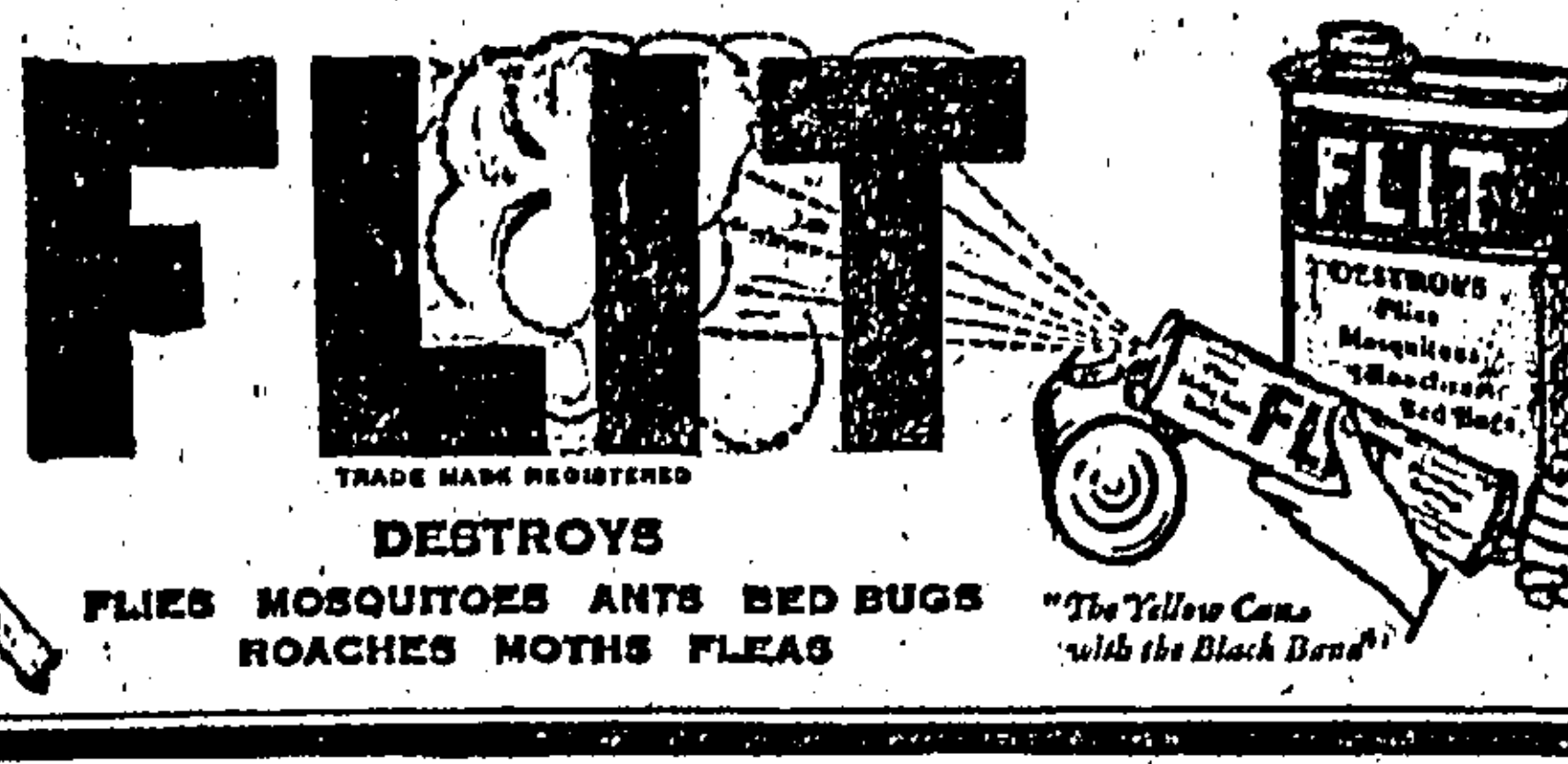
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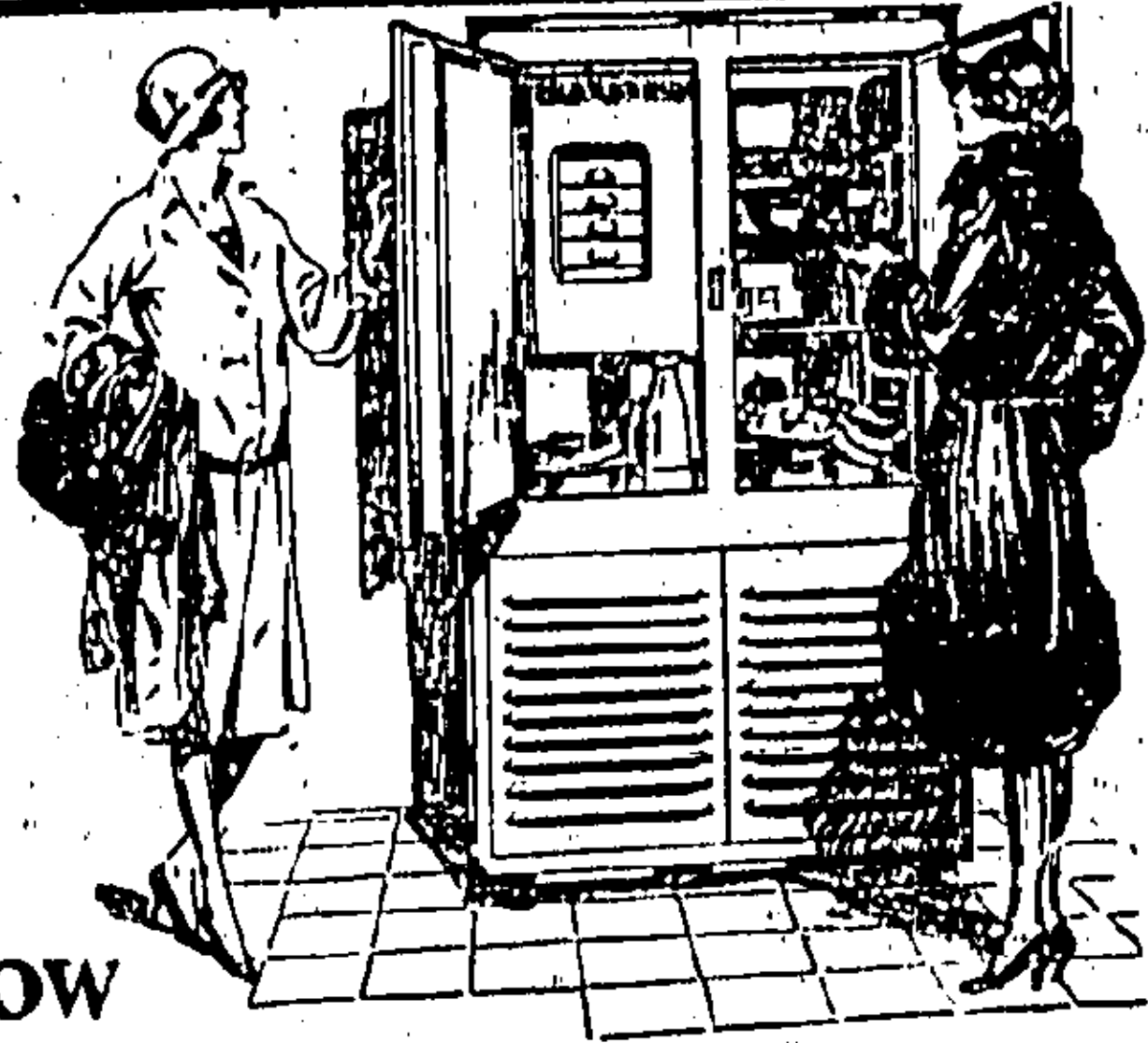
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There has been some interesting fighting between the "ironclads" of land warfare and the guns on the tank ranges. Although it was a one-sided affair—for the tanks had no crews, and, therefore, no hitting power, and the guns were giving high explosive shells, some valuable lessons were learned by the large company of officers for whose instruction the School of Artillery had arranged the demonstration.

The demonstrations showed the various methods by which tanks can be engaged by artillery fire. There was also a practical illustration of the possibilities of "predicted" fire. This is fire put down, based on calculations only, and without any previous shooting. The tank targets were represented by canvas screens on wheels, and the machinery employed enabled the targets to advance towards the guns.

The last of to-day's demonstration, in which tanks attacked artillery, was brought to an abrupt end through the cable being badly cut by shell fire. This brought the advancing tanks to a standstill in the midst of their baptism of fire. One battery carried out an attack on tanks with its observation post in the air.

There was only one "Tank," but it represented a company covering an area of ground which the guns plastered with shell.

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For this success the cavalry, gunner, and other officers who were spectators could not withhold a cheer.

The staff at the School of Artillery set themselves the task of showing what could be done by gunners in the way of engaging tanks with the material with which the Royal Regiment is now equipped. The spectator officers went away satisfied with the eminently practical instruction they had received.

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Government Gazette Notice No. 399 of 9th December, 1927, is hereby cancelled.

LAW'S DELAYS.

MR. JUSTICE ROWLATT
BLAMES THE SOLICITORS.

When an application was made to Mr. Justice Rowlatt in the King's Bench Division to postpone the hearing of an action on the ground that one of the parties was indisposed, the Judge said it was extraordinary how people in cases which were to come before the Court were taken ill just as the hearing was about to begin.

Mr. Cartwright Sharp, who made the application, said that in this particular case it was the plaintiff who was ill.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt—Well, perhaps he has a rotten case. (Laughter.)

Later five applications to postpone cases until next term were made to his lordship, who said that he wished that the people in the legal profession would help the business of the Courts.

"It is not the Bar; it is the solicitors," declared Mr. Justice Rowlatt. "We hear enough about complaints of delay in trying cases, but at the last moment people come up by dozens and say that it is not convenient to have certain cases tried. It's too bad. Why can't they carry on the business of the Courts in a proper manner?"



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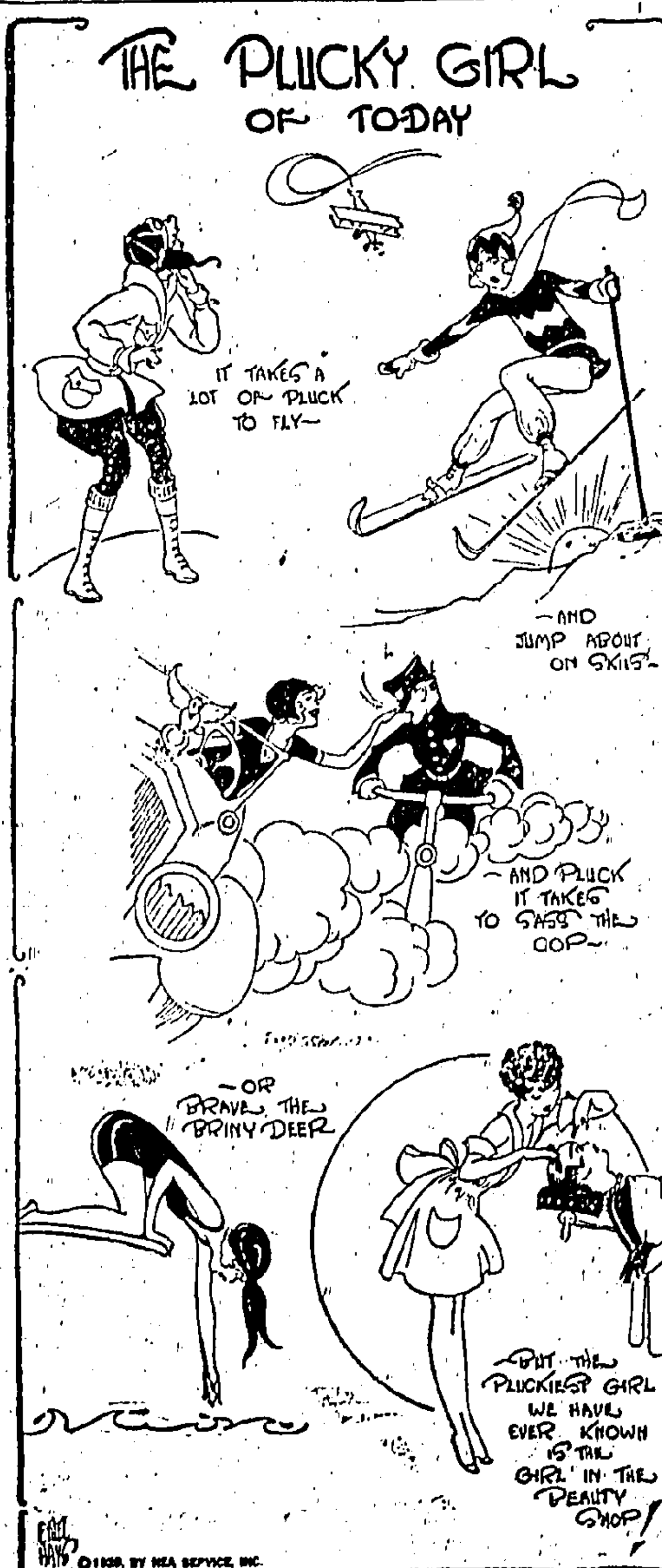
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CHAPTER XXV.

"Quite delicious, really!" the man with the cultured, eastern accent drawled, leaning more nonchalantly on his cane and twinkling his too wise, too bold black eyes at "Princess Lalla."

"But really now, I wouldn't say you're a freak, your highness. In fact, you're quite the most delicious little morsel I've seen since I left New York. If I were a Ziegfeld scout I assure you I'd be burbling your praises in a ruinously verbose telegram, and the devil take the expense. Would you mind lifting that scrap of black lace that is tantalizing me most provokingly? I am tormented with the hope that your big eyes are really the purple pansies they appear to be through your veil."

"Not!" He shook his head with humorous resignation as Sally shook her head in violent negation. "Well, well! One can't have everything, and really your arms and your adorable little hands and your Tanagra figurine body should be quite enough—as an appetizer. You don't happen to 'spoil' the Hula dancer—the ancient but still hopeful lady who has just been exercising her hips for my benefit—do you? But I suppose that is too much to ask of Providence. Life is full of these bitter disappointments, these nagging, unsatisfied desires—"

"Please!" Sally gasped, forgetting her carefully acquired accent which had been bequeathed her, by way of Mrs. Bybee, by the erstwhile "Princess Lalla," now in a hospital, minus her appendix, but still too weak to jeopardize Sally's job. "I—I'm not permitted to talk to the audience—"

"Child, child!" the New Yorker protested, raising a beautifully kept hand admonishingly. "Spare me! I'm always being met with signs like that in New York—in elevators, buses, whatnots—But since I am intrigued with the music of your voice—a very young and un-Turkish voice, if I may be permitted to say so—I shall be delighted to cross your little brow with silver, provided you do not rub off. I'm deplorably finicky."

Sally, overwhelmed by his gift for monologue, uttered in a tensing, bantering, intimate voice of beautiful cadences, looked desperately about her for help. But she was temporarily deserted by both audience and crier. Gus was at the moment advising Jan, the Holland giant, the chief attraction of the Palace of Wonders. His recital of the vast quantities of food which the nine-foot-nine giant consumed daily never failed to hold the crowd enthralled.

"You'll have to wait till Gus, the crier, starts my performance," she told him nervously, making no effort to deceive the blase New Yorker by a tardy resumption of her "Turkish" accent. "But—oh, please go away! Don't tease me! You'll spoil the show if you make Smart-Aleck remarks on everything I say and do."

"Smart-Aleck?" The easterner raised his silky black brows, while his humorous but cruel mouth, beneath a small, exact black moustache, twitched with a rather rueful smile. "Child, that is the unkindest cut of all! If I had been reared west of Fifth Avenue or a little farther downtown I would undoubtedly phrase it as a nasty crack! But we'll let it pass."

He walked nonchalantly up the steps leading to her platform, and stood before her, only the small, black-velvet draped table with the crystal between them.

When he spoke again, in his humorous drawl, with his bold black eyes twinkling and challenging her, his words could not have been heard by anyone 10 feet away: "Will you permit me, your highness, to read the crystal for you? I'm really rather a wizard at it—a wow, as they say on Broadway, though I assure you, your highness, that I'm not a man to succumb to the ineffectuality of slang. You must be rather tired of gazing, gazing, gazing into this intriguing but slightly flawed ball of glass—"

"Please, go away!" Sally pleaded breathlessly. "Why do you want to make fun of me? I have to earn my living somehow—"

"Do you?" he smiled, his brows going higher, while deep laugh wrinkles appeared suddenly in the clear olive of his lean cheeks. "Now I'm sure you should let me read the crystal for you, for it is obvious that you have not looked into the future at all!"

He cupped his slim, beautiful hands about the crystal, his back bending in an arch as graceful as the arch of a cat's back. The posture brought his face very near to hers, so that she saw the fine grain of his skin, caught a faint, indefinable but enchanting odour from his sleek dark hair, almost as dark as her own.

He had dropped his hat upon the edge of the little table, and it too fascinated and repelled her, for its dove-grey richness insolently suggested that its owner possessed boundless money and almost wickedly sure taste.

But every item of his dress told the same story, so she really should not have picked on the hat to hate particularly. But she did; she wanted to brush it off the table, to see his flash of anger at its being soiled with the dust from "rubes' feet."

"Marvellous!" His voice became mockingly hushed and mysterious, as he pretended to gaze into the very heart of the crystal. "I see your whole past boiling away in this magic crystal—slightly flawed, though it is!"

"My past!" she shivered, forgetting that he was faking just as she did.

"You've run away from home, from poverty, he went on in that mocking, too beautiful voice, his black eyes shifting from the crystal to play their insolent, confident fire upon her wide-eyed face. "And you've run away from—a man! Of course," he added lightly, "you'll always be running away from a man—men—every man that looks at you. You're absolutely irresistible, you know, child! But ah, at last you will find him—the man from whom you will not run away! Now, shall I read the future for you?"

"Please go away. Gus is coming!" Sally pleaded through childishly quivering lips that would have showed ashen-pale if they had not been thickly overlaid with carmine.

"Dear old Gus! I look forward to being pals with Gus, when I give him the password. Now, the future—ah, my dear, what a future! Broadway! Bright lights! Music! And Princess Lalla in the chorus first, the most adorable little 'pony' of them all! I shall sit in the bald-headed row and toss roses to you, child, and whisper to the crier next me that 'I knew her when'—when she was a delicious little fake Turkish princess, escaped from the Sultan's harem. And I see a man—let me look closely—a tall, dark man, rather handsome—"

"La-dees and gen-tle-men! Right this way, please! I want you all to meet Princess Lalla, from Constantinople—"

Gus, the crier, was approaching with long, swift strides, the crowd milling behind him, like sheep following a bell-wether.

"I'll finish your future in our next seance," the New Yorker straightened, smiled into her eyes unhurriedly, bowed mockingly, lifted his hat, placed it on his sleek head, retrieved his cane which had been leaning against the crystal stand, and vaulted lightly to the ground.

Gus eyed him menacingly, suspiciously, but beamed when the easterner pressed a bill into his hands and withdrew to the outskirts of the crowd, where he evidently intended to listen to the crier's introduction of Princess Lalla.

Sally got through her performance somehow, burningly conscious of bold black eyes regarding her admiringly. When she pattered down the steps and along the flattened stubble of the earth floor of the tent on her way to the dress tent to rest between shows, a slim, immaculate figure detached itself from the crowd that was wandering reluctantly toward the exit.

the harbour, one of these returning to the carrier. As it alighted on the water it was hit by rather a big wave and overturned. It was, however, quite close to the carrier and the plane and crew were both taken aboard without difficulty.

Derbyshire Miners' Wages Board at Chesterfield has been informed that there has been an approximate loss of 7d. on every ton of coal raised during the period of ascertainment.

"Cook tent fare must grow rather monotonous," his low, drawing voice stopped her. "I suggest re-lief—supper with me after the last performance tonight. I am stopping at the governor's mansion and have the use of one of the official limousines. Credentials enough?"

He raised his eyebrows whimsically but his detaining grasp of her arm was not nearly so gentle as his voice.

"No, no!" Sally cried. "I—I'm not that kind of girl! Please let me go—"

"Oh, spirit of H. L. Mencken hear me!" the New Yorker prayed. "Do girls in the middle west really say that still? I wouldn't have believed it! 'I'm not that kind of girl!' he repeated, laughing delightedly. "Of course you aren't, darling! No girl ever is! And heaven forbid that I should be the sort of man—fellow, you say out here?—that you evidently believe I am! Now that we understand each other, I again suggest supper, a long, cooling drive in the governor's choicest limousine—the old boy does himself rather well in cars, at the expense of the state—and a continuation of my extremely accurate reading of your future."

"No!" Sally flared, her timidity submerged in anger. "Let me go this minute! I don't like you! I hate you! If you don't turn loose my arm, I'll—I'll scream 'Hey, rubs!'"

"What a dire threat!" the New Yorker laughed with genuine amusement. "Am I the rub? Is that your idea of a taunt so crushing that—"

"It means," Sally said with cold fury, "that every man connected with the carnival will rush into this tent and—simply tear you to pieces! It's the S O S signal of the circus and carnival, and it always works! Now—will you let me go? I swear I'll scream 'Hey, rubs!' if you don't—"

"And I had planned such a delicious supper," the New Yorker murmured mockingly as he slowly released her arm, as if reluctant to forego the pleasure that rounded slimness and smoothness gave his highly educated fingers.

Sally cried a little in the dress tent, but she was too angry to give way utterly to tears. The thought which stung her pride most hurtfully was that the New Yorker had seen something bad in her eyes, something of the mother of whose shame she was a living witness.

But—she guessed I showed him! she told herself fiercely as she dabbed fresh brown powder on her tear-streaked face. "He won't dare bother me again."

But he did dare. He was a nonchalant, smiling, insolent figure, leaning on his cane, as she went through the next performance. She pretended not to see him, but never for a moment, as she well knew, did his cold black eyes waver from their ironic but admiring contemplation of her enchanting little figure in purple satin trousers and green jacket.

And at the late afternoon performance—four o'clock—he was there again, his fine, cruel, humorous mouth smiling at his own folly. She thought of appealing to Gus, the crier, to forbid him admission to the tent, but she knew Gus was too good a business man to heed such a wasteful request. Besides, the crier seemed to like him, at least to like immensely the bill which invariably passed hands when the showman and the glorified "rube" met.

Then suddenly, at ten minutes after four, the New Yorker ceased to have any significance at all to her, at least for the moment. He was wiped out completely in the flood of terror and joy that swept over her brain, making her so dizzy that she leaned against the crystal stand for support.

For tumbling into the tent of the Palace of Wonders came a horde of children, boys and girls, the girls dressed exactly alike in skimpy little white lawn dresses trimmed with five-cent lace, the boys in ugly suits of stiff "jeans."

Her playmates from the orphanage had come to see "Princess Lalla," lately Sally Ford, ward of the state and now fugitive from justice."

(To Be Continued.)

NAVAL EPIC.

FAMOUS BRITISH FILM TO-DAY.

The famous British naval film, "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands," comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the big attraction until Saturday.

The Battle of Coronel, resulting in the total loss of "Good Hope" and "Monmouth," was fought off the Chilean coast on the eve of Sunday, November 1, 1914. Trustworthy information of the disaster did not reach the British Admiralty until November 5. "Invincible" and "Inflexible" were immediately detached from the Grand Fleet, hurriedly refitted at Devonport, and, under Vice-Admiral Sturdee, sailed secretly for the Falkland Islands on November 11. Other ships were picked up off the Brazilian coast and the squadron reached the Falklands on December 7—only a few hours in advance of Von Spee. Before nightfall on December 8, the whole German squadron (except the "Dresden") was at the bottom of the sea. The value of the Falklands to the Germans lay in the fact that it was an important wireless and coaling station.

The film has been produced in a manner that redounds to the fine courage of both sides in these two dramatic exploits, and it is both a profoundly moving drama and a great chapter of naval history. An additional attraction will be a Pathe novelty gazette, "Our Britain," showing the Empire's fighting forces in action, during which Miss Aileen Woods will sing "Land of Hope and Glory," the audience joining in the chorus.

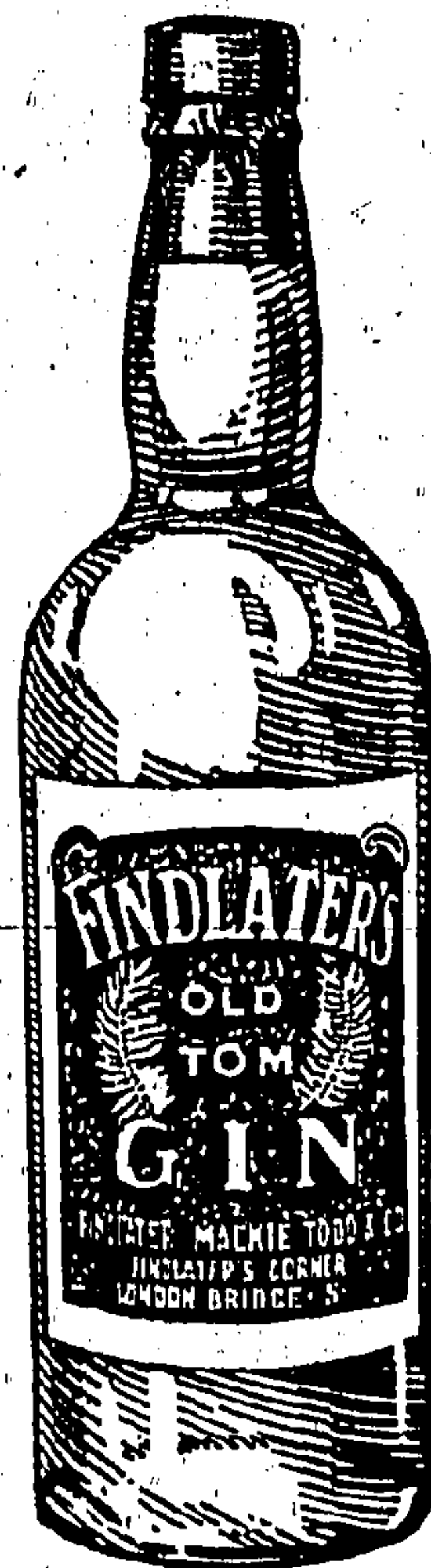
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SERIOUS PLAGUE.

MOSQUITO NUISANCE ON THE PEAK.

It was revealed at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board that there has been a serious plague of mosquitoes on the Peak and that a considerable number of residents have complained. The matter arose through questions standing in the name of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who asked:

Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board whether any steps have been taken to discover the origin of the recent plague of mosquitoes that has been prevalent on the island, and whether any efforts have been made to deal with this?

The Chairman replied: It is not clear whether reference is made mainly to the Peak, where there has been a serious plague of mosquitoes during the last few months, or to the island generally. I have received a considerable number of complaints from residents at the Peak and I myself have been as great a sufferer as any—but I have not heard of other districts.

Negligent Residents.

Every complaint received has been investigated at once by a European Inspector and an experienced foreman has spent a considerable period during the last month or so investigating various areas. In several cases the negligence of residents had at least aggravated the plague. Old tin cans were found dumped on the hillside and in one case a collection of old milk bottles had formed an excellent breeding place. I am convinced also that sufficient attention is not paid by residents to the condition of the gutters running round the eaves of houses.

The plague of mosquitoes on the Peak was largely confined to the Pokfulam catchment area and to the hillside south of Stubbs Road. Mosquitoes were found breeding in large numbers in small collections of water on these hill-sides. These pools were emptied of water and the surrounding undergrowth cut.

Prevent Measures.

The permanent abolition of these breeding places would require the filling in of thousands of holes and crevices, large and small, on the hillside. The cost of this work would be enormous and any improvement made would continue only until fresh holes and crevices were eroded by the next heavy shower of rain. The weather this spring has been particularly favourable to the retention of water in any depression in the ground and to the consequent breeding of mosquitoes. A few heavy showers of rain would flush out these holes and prevent further breeding.

The worst area has been the Pokfulam catchment area which, of course, cannot be dealt with by the use of larvicides. In other areas on the Peak various pools, gullies and drains have been well oiled.

Scavenging Lairs.

Dr. Koch also asked—Can the Head of the Sanitary Department issue orders to enforce the cover-

GIFT TO JOURNALIST.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. E. R. PRICE.

There was an interesting ceremony at the office of the China Mail yesterday afternoon when Mr. E. R. Price was the recipient of a presentation from journalists in the Colony on the occasion of his retirement from local newspaper circles.

The presentation took the form of an inscribed cigarette case and a cheque from his colleagues, the gifts being handed over by Mr. Wai Po-chung of the China Mail who referred to the pleasure it had been for local newspaper men to be associated with Mr. Price during his four years in the Colony. Mr. Price suitably replied, saying that the gift would always remind him of many happy days in Hongkong.

The Chairman replied:

Under Scavenging and Conservancy By-law No. 8 the occupier or owner of any latrine in that portion of the Colony served by the Conservancy Contractors with the exception of the Hill District, must make due provision for the daily removal of all excremental matter to the conservancy boats; while in the Hill District this duty is specially laid on the contractor by condition No. 7 of the Conservancy Contract.

Under the Matshed Regulations No. 14 the owner of a matshed intended for occupation must provide adequate latrine accommodation for the occupants with the receptacles for the excreta so arranged as to be flyproof to the satisfaction of the Board.

There can therefore be no question of covering pail closets with an impermeable layer of earth. I am not aware of any regulation or by-law under which I could enforce the covering of middens, manure heaps, garden refuse, etc., with an impermeable layer of earth but I can, and frequently do, take action against such accumulations as nuisances under Section 26 subsection 8 of the Public Health and Building Ordinance in the more remote areas under the jurisdiction of the Board such accumulations are permitted if supplied with a satisfactory fly-proof cover.

Extent of the Plague.

Dr. Koch said his information was different from that of the President as he understood that the plague of mosquitoes was even further down the Peak than the Chairman had mentioned. There had been large numbers of mosquitoes in the neighbourhood of Brankome Towers recently, while there were also complaints from Kowloon.

The Chairman said he could only assure Dr. Koch that if any person made a complaint regarding the prevalence of mosquitoes it was investigated at once.

Dr. Koch said if steps were taken beforehand the necessity for that would not arise. The following question standing the name of Dr. Koch was held

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WAR MEMORIAL.

CHINESE ARCH NOW READY FOR UNVEILLING.

The erection of a granite pylon within the main entrance of the Public Gardens in commemoration of those Chinese who lost their lives in the Great War, is now completed and the unveiling ceremony will be performed on Sunday next.

The arch is erected at the top of the flight of stone steps inside the main entrance in Garden Road. The design is entirely Chinese and inscription is in Chinese and English. The Chinese characters are in gold, engraved on the two verticals of the arch, and the English which reads: "Erected by the Imperial War Graves Commission in memory of the Chinese in the service of the British Government who died through enemy action during the Great War 1914-1918." is engraved on the horizontal portion at the top of the pylon.

The inscription is very artistically done. The words are in black and red, the red portion by itself reading "In memory of the Chinese who died through enemy action, Great War." These words stand out strikingly at a distance. The foot of the arch is guarded by four lions.

At the unveiling ceremony, it is understood that prominent members of the community, particularly leading Chinese business men will be present.

In view of the probable heavy traffic on that day, ten members of the Reserve Flying Squad will be in attendance assisting in directing traffic to the ground and the Police Reserve orders indicate that a detachment of forty Chinese Reservists will be on duty on the grounds.

over until the next meeting, Dr. Koch saying that there were statistics he wished to put before the Board: "That this Board respectfully



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NANKING ISSUE.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH CONSUL.

Basils of an agreement between the French authorities at Shanghai and the Nationalist Government regarding the Nanking incident has been reached, according to reliable Chinese reports, which state that notes have already been exchanged in the matter and a complete settlement is near at hand.

Negotiations between the Chinese and French diplomatic representatives over the Nanking incident began on March 10, and it did not take long for them to come to an understanding. Dr. G. Zay Wood, Chief of the Bureau of American and European Affairs, was commissioned by Mr. Huang Fu, Nationalist Minister of Foreign Affairs, to go to Shanghai to make final arrangements with M. J. Meyer, Acting French Consul-General, towards the signing of formal agreements between the two nations. The authorized representative of the French Government is really the French Minister for China, but as the French Minister is in Peking, he in turn delegated the Acting French Consul-General at Shanghai to take up the matter for him.

After a few days of negotiation between M. Meyer and Dr. Wood, arrangements have been reached and the notes to be exchanged between the authorized representatives of the two governments have been worked out to mutual satisfaction. There may be a few minor corrections to be made but the notes are primarily the same as those exchanged with the United States except in the following respects: (1) Unlike the British and American Governments, the French did not have a Consulate at Nanking and therefore suffered no loss on March 24, 1927 at Nanking, and (2) the French had no gunboats at Hsankwan when the British and American war vessels put a barrage over Nanking.

The notes to be exchanged will be three in number. First, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs' note to the French Minister for China informing the latter of his readiness to negotiate matters relative to the Nanking incident and the French Minister's reply. Second, terms of the settlement of the Nanking Incident. Third, Chinese demand for revision of existing treaties between the two countries and the French acceptance of it.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

COMMUNISTS THE CHIEF LOSERS.

Paris, May 1.

A dark spot in the elections from the French national standpoint is the return of three autonomists from Alsace, including the leaders Ricklin and Rosse, who are imprisoned in Colmar, and two communists from Lorraine who played the autonomist's game.

It is a sign of the Government's satisfaction with the results of the election that it chose yesterday to announce the launch of the Conversion Loan. The bourse displayed strong bullishness.—*Reuter*.

A STRONG PROTEST.

JAPANESE EDITORS PASS RESOLUTION.

Tokyo, May 1.

A strongly worded resolution demanding the punishment of the police concerned, also the resignation of the Home Minister and the Chief of Police was presented by the editors of seven of the leading newspapers in a protest against the alleged violence of the police toward Pressmen on the evening of April 19, when several who were attending the proletarian meeting were severely handled and injured, allegedly without cause.

An explanation is expected to be demanded when the Diet reassembles.—*Reuter*.

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Per s.s. Shinyo Maru for San Francisco via ports, May 1.—Mr. Jim Lum, Mr. A. Andre, Mr. S. A. Li, Mr. Li Chih-nin, Mrs. Lam Sook-uen, Mr. J. C. Islet, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. J. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. S. J. De Bierre, Miss Elita Miller, Miss Edith Brooks, Mr. R. Hannemann, Mr. Tong Ding-ke, Capt. A. Hoeller, Mr. A. A. Simoes, Mr. Pang Kwai-hong, Mr. Y. T. Tong, Miss G. L. Preciado, Mr. Wong Mun-sang, Mr. H. Alres, Mr. Chan Tui-bing, Mr. Zen Sai-to, Mr. and Mrs. K. Mori, Mrs. S. Matsuda, Mrs. A. Fukaya, Mrs. K. Shiozaki, Mr. W. F. Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dobbs, Mr. and Mrs. T. Chiba, Mr. E. Reading, Mr. and Mrs. T. Edo, Mr. Y. Matsumiya, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. H. McEvan, Mr. S. J. Morrane, Mrs. N. Iwano, Mr. T. Iwatake, Mr. S. Nakamura, Mr. and Mrs. K. Oda, Master Oda, Mrs. T. Oda, Mr. William G. Ferreira, the Hon. Capt. and Mrs. G. Cooper, Mr. T. Higginbottom, Mr. A. Simson, Mr. S. C. L. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. York, Mr. A. P. Bungey, Mr. H. B. Walker, Mr. S. W. F. McMillin, Mrs. H. D. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. North, Mr. C. Weber, Mr. William Wood, Mr. J. T. Tolson, Rev. Percy C. Webber, Mr. Chau Lun-po, Mr. W. T. Chung, Mr. Young Doyan, Mr. Fung Yui-ling, Mr. Hui Puk-kam, Mr. Lee How-hun, Mr. Seawing Wong, Mr. Cheung Chik-sang, Mr. Ng Yew-yam, Mr. Yung Sik-chung, Mr. Tseng Hon-ko, Mrs. Hui Wai-yu, Master S. C. Chung, Mrs. Woo Yuet, Mr. Young Tai-kok, Mr. Wong Pak-hing, Mrs. Cheung Shee, Mrs. Lau Sam-goo, Mr. Ng Yee, Mr. Leong Han, Mrs. Leong Lion, Mr. Lum Chow-yow, Mrs. Lee Shee, Master Lum Suk-chun, Mrs. Leung Yau-keat, Miss Yuen San-ping, Master Yuen Kon-chong, Miss Yuen Suk-san, Miss Yuen Sau-fai, Mr. Tyan Akui, Mrs. Tyan Shee, Mrs. Liu Moy, Mr. Jeong Sang, Mr. Fong Gee, Mr. Jung Quong Ho, Mr. Geo Young-chow, Mr. Wong Shue-hein, Mrs. Lam Sau-heung, Mr. Wong Chong, Mrs. Ng Shue.

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BALKAN 'QUAKES.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTED TO DIRECT RELIEF.

Warsaw, May 1.

Dr. Wroczynski has been appointed a commissioner by the League of Nations to direct the work of international relief for the victims of the earthquakes in the Balkans and to make efforts to restrict the effects of the catastrophe and to combat epidemics resulting therefrom.—*Reuter*.

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MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
JALPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Straits, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NOVARA	6,969	30th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,969	12th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	17th May.	S'hai, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHIA	7,754	23rd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
RANPURA	16,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	8,948	7th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	17th June.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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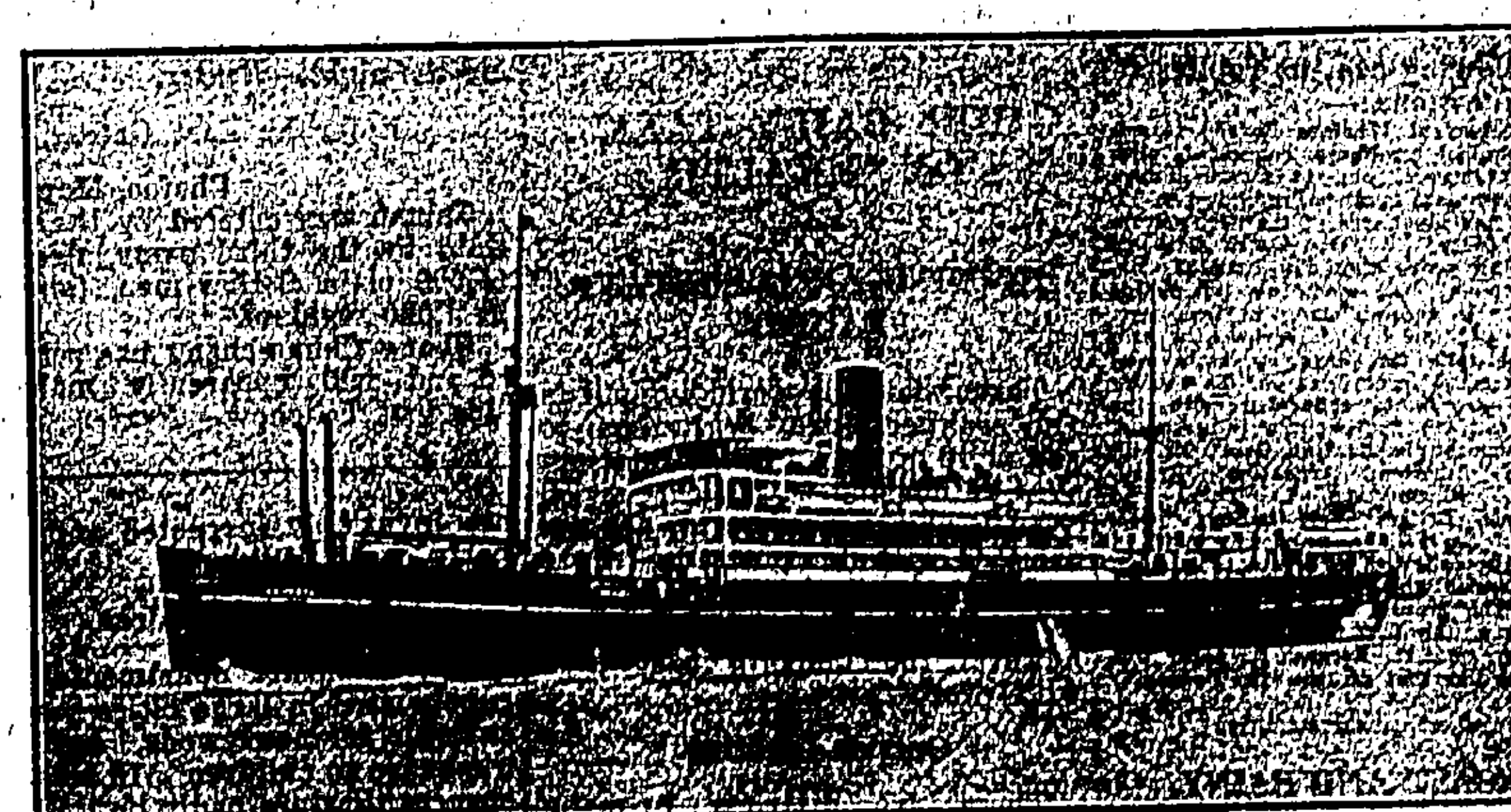
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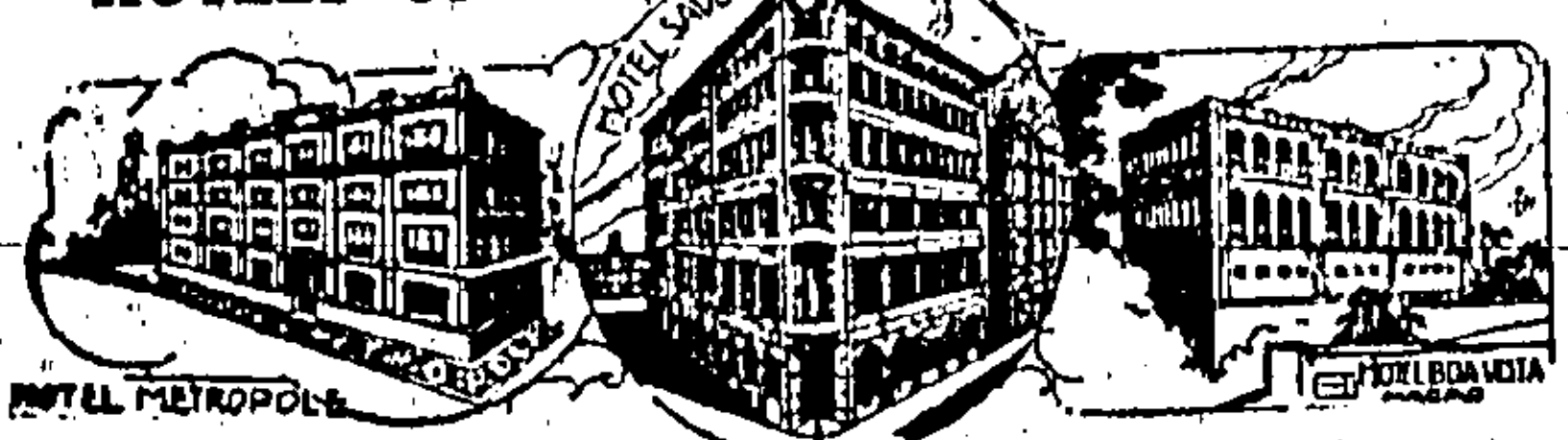
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REPORT NOT READY.

London, May 1.

In the House of Commons, re-
plying to questions, Mr. Baldwin
said the report of the Imperial
Wireless and Cable Conference
had not yet been received.

No offer had been made direct
to the Government with regard to
the purchase of the whole means
of wireless and telegraphic com-
munications, but Mr. Baldwin un-
derstood that certain suggestions
in this connexion had been sub-
mitted to the Conference, which
was still considering them.

Replying to another question,
the Prime Minister said the Do-
minion Government would be com-
municated with before the report
of the Conference could be pub-
lished.—*Reuter*.

FILIPINO CHARGED.

SAYS HE WAS "DOUBLE
CROSSED."

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Commr. J. B. Nevill,
D.S.O., R.N., Pedro Callia, an un-
employed seaman, a native of
Manila, was charged with board-
ing the s.s. President Taft without hav-
ing obtained the permission of the
commanding officer. The accused
pleaded not guilty.

Sirdar Khan, a private watch-
man on board the President Taft,
gave evidence to the effect that ac-
cused was found asleep in the steer-
age at 12.45 p.m. on Tuesday. Wit-
ness reported the matter to the
Chief Officer, who ordered his ar-
rest. Witness then took the man to
the Water Police Station. Wit-
ness had seen the defendant on pre-
vious occasions, he having often
tried to board, and had been fre-
quently turned back.

The accused stated that he had
gone on board at the invitation of a
friend who had promised to pro-
vide him with trousers, money and
food. He had seen this friend,
who told him to wait until he re-
turned.

Questioned by his Worship, the
accused replied:—"Somebody dou-
ble-crossed me. This guy" (indicat-
ing the watchman) "hit me in the
face. I was only sitting down
waiting for my friend who had gone
to change money for me."

Captain Miller, who was present
in Court representing the owners,
was unable to produce any further
evidence of illegal boarding, as the
ship had sailed. He had received
a verbal report from the Chief
Officer and understood that the ac-
cused was formerly a member of
the crew of a Swedish steamer and
was at present stranded.

In view of the fact that no evi-
dence had been produced permis-
sion to board was withheld, his
Worship ordered a discharge.

Poor Excuse.

Wong Shing, the master of a
cargo boat, was charged with mak-
ing fast alongside the s.s. New
Mathilde while that vessel was un-
der way, and pleaded guilty.

Replying to questions by His
Worship, the accused stated that
the wind was strong and as he had
only a crew of four on board, he
was driven alongside the vessel.
He closed the ship because he was
expecting cargo by her.

His Worship:—The wind was
so strong then, that it took you
alongside a little too soon?

Accused did not reply.
A fine of \$10 with the usual al-
ternative was inflicted.

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vise on technical problems connected with
mechanical transport, and to secure liaison
with the mechanical engineering industry. 2.
A copy of the first issue of the first edition
of Gray's "Eggs." 3. The Dutch lifeboat,
Schutsvaer, to prove that its inventor, Mr.
J. P. Schutsvaer, has made an "unstable"
vessel. 4. He is accomplishing in five days,
with plenty of time for interviews, a trip
which would take ten days by train and
leave no time for interviews. 5. To modify
and ratify agreements connected with the
export of meat, to prevent the introduction
of foot-and-mouth disease into Great Britain
from South America, Argentina, Brazil,
Uruguay, 6. Rheumatism, 7. Turkey and
Canton Islands, British West Indies, "Foot
age," certain fiscal duties previously paid in
cash, are to be collected by means of stamps.
8. Easter Monday and Whit Monday, 9. St.
January 10. The ground floor is the first (or
ground) storey, the first floor is the second
storey, and so on. 11. Because its seat was
thought to be like that of tea. 12. Twenty.

OVERCAST AND RAINY.

To-day's Observatory report
states:—Depressions are shown to
the south of Kobe and to the north-
west of Korea. The Anticyclone
is central over the Lower Yangtze
Valley. The forecast up to noon
to-morrow is:—North-east winds;
moderate; generally overcast;
some rain.

U. S. PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN.

RESULTS OF LATEST
PRIMARIES.

HOOVER & SMITH STILL TO
THE FORE.

FIGURES ANALYSED.

Columbus, Apr. 24.

Large majorities for Secretary of
Commerce Hoover and Governor Al-
fred Smith, of New York, in to-day's
Ohio presidential primary election
were indicated by returns received
to-night.

With returns from 6,086 of the
state's 8,559 precincts, Republican
delegates pledged to Hoover held a
lead of almost three to one over
delegates formerly pledged to the
late Senator Willis.

On the Democratic ticket, returns
from 3,283 precincts gave Smith a
lead of more than two to one over
Alfred Pomerene, his nearest op-
ponent. The results were:

Republican (6,086 precincts)—
Hoover, 148,976; Willis, 58,776;
Ross, 6,033.

Democrat (3,283 precincts)—
Smith, 10,828; Pomerene, 4,820;
Governor Donahay, of Ohio, 2,830.

Kansas for Ayres.

Hutchinson, Apr. 24.
The State Democratic convention
to-day endorsed Representative W.
A. Ayres for the party's presidential
nomination, and the Kansas dele-
gates were instructed to support
him at the national convention.

Honolulu's Vote.

Honolulu, Apr. 26.
The Democratic territorial con-
vention to-day instructed its six
delegates to the national convention
to support the Presidential candi-
dacy of Governor Alfred Smith, of
New York.

Washington Opinion.

Washington, Apr. 25.
All indications to-day are that
the voting in the Ohio, Pennsyl-
vania and Massachusetts pri-
maries yesterday strengthened
Secretary of Commerce Hoover
and Governor Alfred Smith, of
New York, as contenders for the
Republican and the Democratic
presidential nominations.

Hoover, despite a bitter contest,
captured a majority of Ohio's 51
delegates, and his managers claim
that he will have the support of
most of Massachusetts' 39 dele-
gates.

Although the tabulation
of results in Pennsylvania has not
been completed, the Hoover fac-
tion hopes to land that state's un-
instructed delegation of 79, which
is headed by Secretary of the
Treasury Mellon.

In Democratic ranks, the Smith
camp predicted that Governor
Smith will have the solid support
of Massachusetts' 36 delegates,
nearly all of Pennsylvania's 76
votes, and, before the balloting is
over at the national convention,
will receive at least 40 of Ohio's
48 votes.

Smith did not bid for the Ohio
delegation, and as a result the
delegation, with the exception of
one man, will vote for Alfred Pomerene, a "favourite son," on the
first ballot.

Smith Has 414 Votes.

As a result of yesterday's and
previous primaries, 288 delegates
are generally conceded to Hoover,
with the strength of other candi-
dates as follows: Lowden, 175;
Norris, 28; Curtis, 24; Borah, 11;
preference doubtful, 242.

The Democratic line-up follows:
Smith, 414; Pomerene, 47; Reed,
38; George, of Georgia, 28; Ayres,
of Kansas, 20; Hitchcock, of
Nebraska, 16; preference doubt-
ful, 77.

OUR DAILY TALK
ON HEALTH.HOUSING AN IMPORTANT
FACTOR.

Throughout the world hygienists
and architects are beginning to
pay more attention to the relation-
ship of housing to health.

Such obvious errors as are as-
sociated with dampness, bad light
and bad ventilation are apparent
to everyone. Few people realize,
however, the dangers associated
with overcrowding.

Outside Lighting.

There are districts in many
cities in which homes are built
one against the other because of
the high price of property. Health
officers in general are convinced
that frontage should be at least
33 feet to permit a certain amount
of lawn and garden, as well as
outside lighting.

Where there is neither water
supply nor sewers, outside accom-
modations are necessary, but these

CRICKET SEASON
OPENS.

TWO CENTURIES IN FIRST
COUNTY MATCH.

GLAMORGAN JUST WIN.

London, May 1.

Before the football leagues have
concluded their fixtures, active
preparations are being made for
cricket, and the County pro-
gramme opened on Saturday with
a match between Glamorgan and
Worcester.

Batting first, Glamorgan com-
piled 331, the amateur D. Davies
batting splendidly for the first
century of the season, hitting up
113 before his wicket was taken.

In reply, Worcester fell short by
27 runs, the brunt of the attack
being borne by Fox, who scored
135 runs. Glamorgan's second in-
nings closed at 166, Root taking
5 wickets for 57 runs and Hill
taking 4 for 50.

Requiring 192 runs to win, the
Worcester eleven was dismissed
for 159, Mercer returning to capi-
tal figures of 5 wickets for 51
runs.

The scores were:
Glamorgan: 331 and 166.
Worcester: 304 and 159.
The sides opened on a good vic-
ket which was deteriorated by
rain.—*Reuter*.

SOUTHERN THRUST
CONTINUES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

There is every indication that
the main body of the Shantung
Army will concentrate at and de-
cide to hold Tehchow.

Chang Tso-lin's Orders.

When the alarming news of the
fall of Tsinanfu reached Peking,
the Dictator, Chang Tso-lin, or-
dered a large detachment of the
Fengtien Army to be despatched
to Tehchow, and he has also wired
to General Chang Hsueh-liang, his
son, and General Yang Yu-tung,
the Chief of Staff of the Fengtien
Army, to shorten the defence
lines on the Peking-Hankow. He
advises a concentration at Pao-
tingfu.

General Cheng Chien and Pei
Chung-hsi left Changsha on Mon-
day for Hankow, to attend the
opening ceremony of the Hankow-
Wuchang Branch of the Kuomin-
tang Political Council. An un-
official report says that General
Pei Chung-hsi will lead the Hunan
and Hupoh troops in the Northern
Expedition immediately after the
opening of this Council, and it is
stated that the future administra-
tion of the military and civil
affairs in Hunan will be entrusted
to General Chen Chien, who
figured prominently in the Nan-
king outrage.

Captured This Time.

Chefoo, May 1.
It is rumoured that Tsinanfu
was lost by the Northerners at
10.45 this morning. All tele-
graphic communication with Tai-
nanfu is cut off.—*Reuter*.

The Fall Confirmed.

Shanghai, May 1.

The American Presbyterian
headquarters at Shanghai have re-
ceived a message filed in Tsinan-
fu at 10.10 this morning stating
that the "Southerners have occu-
pied Tsinanfu without trouble. The
situation at the present time gives
no cause for concern."—*Reuter*.

All Night Looting.

Tokyo, May 1.
According to a dispatch to the
War Office the Northerners are re-
treating toward Tehchow. Chinese
gendarmes and police are maintain-
ing order in Tsinan, but looting was
going on throughout the city dur-
ing the night.—*Reuter*.

Enter by East Gate.

Chefoo, May 1.
Tsinan was entered by the East
Gate by the third army, first by
15,000 plain clothes men, followed
by 1,000 regulars.
Chang Chung-chang has retreat-
ed and will apparently make a
stand at Tehchow.—*Reuter*.

are invariably inspected and pro-
perly cared for.

Crowding Children.

The kitchenette apartments now
constructed in large cities may be
suitable for newlyweds, but are
a menace to children. In most in-
stances they are badly lighted and
ventilated and for a child actually
uninhabitable.

Some countries, notably Great
Britain and Germany, have passed
legislation governing the type of
house to be provided for rural
workers. These regulations de-
mand the provision of sufficient
garden ground, proper attention
to drains, and careful study of
lighting, heating and ventilation.

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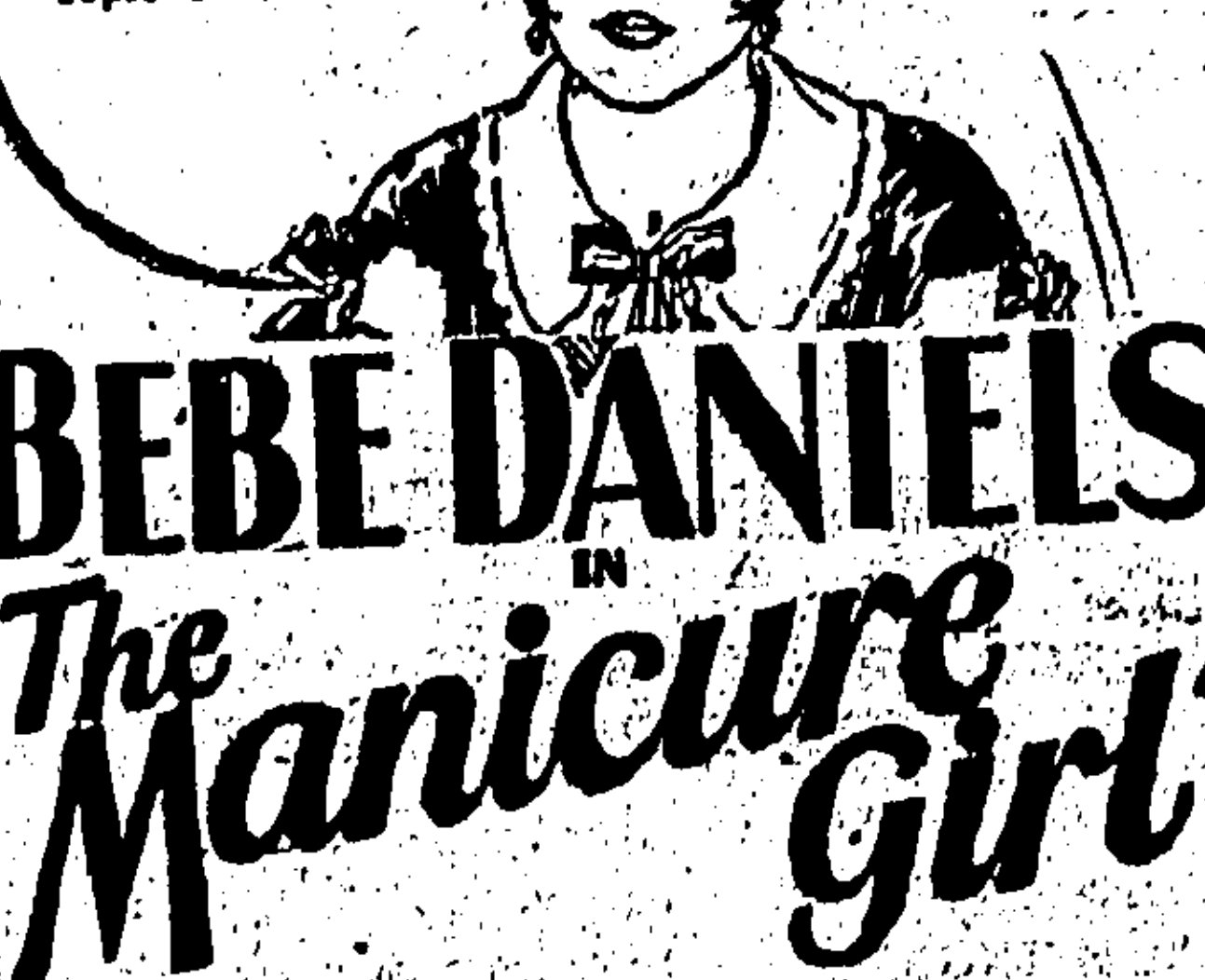


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